

AUSTRALIA'S INTERNATIONAL
SOCCER RESULTS
1940 - 1949

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The saga continues

please follow my research into the 1940's

as best as I can glean.

Full Internationals shown as **BOLD**

1941						
Date	Place	Teams		Score		Tournament
28-Jun	Melbourne	Australia	Chinese XI	4-6		
05-Jul	Sydney	Australia	Chinese XI	4-2		
12-Jul	Sydney	Australia	Chinese XI	2-5		
19-Jul	Newcastle	Australia	Chinese XI	5-2		
02-Aug	Brisbane	Australia	Chinese XI	8-4		

1947						
Date	Place	Teams		Score		Tournament
26-Apr	Adelaide	Australian XI	South Africa	2-3		
30-Apr	Melbourne	Australian XI	South Africa	4-5		
10-May	Sydney	Australia	South Africa	1-2		
22-May	Brisbane	Corinthians (Brisbane)	Australia	1-10		
24-May	Brisbane	Australia	South Africa	2-4		
29-May	Sydney	The Rest	Australia	3-7	possibly 60 minutes duration	
31-May	Sydney	Australia	South Africa	3-3		
07-Jun	Newcastle	Australia	South Africa	5-1		
14-Jun	Sydney	Australia	South Africa	1-2		

1948						
Date	Place	Teams		Score		Tournament
12-Jun	Newcastle	Northern Districts	Australian XI	2-6		
13-Jun	Wallsend	The Rest	Australian XI	5-2		
04-Aug	Hamilton	South Auckland (New Zealand)	Australia	0-6		
07-Aug	Auckland	Auckland (New Zealand)	Australia	0-5		
11-Aug	Palmerston North	North Island Minor Associations (New Zealand)	Australia	1-6		
14-Aug	Wellington	New Zealand	Australia	0-6		
18-Aug	Christchurch	Canterbury (New Zealand)	Australia	1-3		
21-Aug	Timaru	South Island Minor Associations (New Zealand)	Australia	0-11		
25-Aug	Dunedin	Otago (New Zealand)	Australia	0-6		
28-Aug	Christchurch	New Zealand	Australia	0-7		
01-Sep	Wellington	Wellington (New Zealand)	Australia	1-7		
04-Sep	Wellington	New Zealand	Australia	0-4		
08-Sep	Rotorua	Rotorua (New Zealand)	Australia	0-13		
11-Sep	Auckland	New Zealand	Australia	1-8		
13-Sep	Auckland	Auckland (New Zealand)	Australia	0-8		

1949						
Date	Place	Teams		Score		Tournament
28-Jul	Sydney	Sydney Metropolis	Australia			
30-Jul	Sydney	Australia	HNK Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia)	2-3		
06-Aug	Melbourne	Australia	HNK Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia)	0-3		
13-Aug	Adelaide	Australian XI	HNK Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia)	0-6		
27-Aug	Brisbane	Australia	HNK Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia)	3-6		
03-Sep	Newcastle	Australia	HNK Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia)	2-1		
10-Sep	Sydney	Australia	HNK Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia)	2-3		
17-Sep	Sydney	Australian XI	HNK Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia)	0-1		

1941

The Chinese tour was originally proposed in January 1941 and at a meeting of the New South Wales Soccer Association held in Gosford on 18/1/1941 the delegates discussed a letter from the Chinese Association (South China Football Association) which suggested that the division of gate receipts be 80% to the visitors, 10% to the Chinese War Fund and 10% to the Australian Soccer Football Association. A decision was withheld.

Newspapers speculated on the percentages of the gate receipts but at the end of the tour (after the test match in Brisbane) it was noted that the Chinese had received 75% of the gate money, and paid their own expenses (The Sydney Morning Herald, 5/8/1941, page 8; <http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/17741914>). They made a loss from the tour.

The tour mission was reported as *"to cement friendly relations existing already between the two countries through the medium of sport. Part of the proceeds will be devoted to war relief fund purposes."*

The team sailed from Hong Kong at the beginning of May (The Sydney Morning Herald reported 1/5/1941, <http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/17741359>) and arrived in Sydney 25th May.

The Hong Kong Daily Press (6/6/1941) reported that some players appeared in a charity game on the 3rd May (South China v. East China) in Hong Kong, and that the touring team would depart *"sometime this week"*. The China Mail (Wednesday, 7/5/1941, page 14) gave the squad listing but their ship had still not set sail.

The original arrangements were for South China Athletics Association to make the tour but difficulties necessitated abandonment of the project. Sing Tao then negotiated for the tour and was in an advanced stage of organisation when they declined. Then Eastern Athletic were invited, which was permitted by the Hong Kong Football Association, and newspaper reports often referred to the team as Eastern.

In Australia the tour was also reported as being under the auspices of Sing Tao - Eastern Soccer Club (The Advertiser, Adelaide - 19/6/1941, page 9; <http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/45010356>), and this is reinforced from the match report (The Lithgow Mercury, 7/7/1941, page 2) of the game against Lithgow District (6/7/1941). At the beginning of the game a pennant was presented to D. Wilson (Lithgow captain), which was described as *a replica of their banner, with the Chinese flag in the top right-hand corner and "Two Club Combination 1941" inscribed in their language*.

The team strip was yellow jerseys with red and black sleeves, white knickers. On the left hand side of the jersey were the letters SEC and underneath HK.

Sing Tao was formed in 1940 and attracted players from other clubs, including Eastern Athletic, such that Eastern could not field a team for the opening game of the season on 21/9/1941. Coincidentally this game was against Sing Tao. Two former Eastern players (Cheung Kam-Hoi and Hau Ching-To) were requested by the Hong Kong Football Association to return to Eastern (Hong Kong Daily Press, 28/9/1940, page 2).

These two players had represented Sing Tao in a pre-season friendly against Police on 26/9/1940.

The Sing Tao Sports Club was dissolved after the 1998-99 season. The Eastern Athletic Association Football Club is still operating.

The names of the Chinese squad for the tour of Australia have several variations. The Chinese characters have been romanized, courtesy of Neil Morrison, with the Cantonese version generally used. Australian newspapers, however, were notorious for variations and incorrect spelling.

For example:-

Cheung Wing-Choi was also shown as Chang Yung-Zee and Chang Yung-See

Shui Tin-Lam was also shown as Siu Din Lim

Ng Kee-Cheung was also shown as Woo Chi-Sing and Wu Kee-Cheung

Yen Shih-Hsin was also shown as Nien Zee-Shin and Yen Zee-Shin

Chui Ah-Fai was also shown as Chee Ah-Hooi

Leung Wing-Chiu was also shown as Leung Wing-Cheu and Leung Wing-Chui

Sung Ling-Sing was also shown as Sung Ling-Sang

Kwai Yung-Fook was also shown as Quy Yung-Fok

Cheung Kam-Hoi was also shown as Chang King-Hoi and Chang Kam-Hoi

Hi Ven-Kui was also shown as Hyui Vung-Khwe, Hyui Yung-Khive, Hyui Yung-Kwei and Hyui Vung-Kawe

Chinese tour of Australia, 1941

The Chinese team was a combination of the two clubs Eastern (東方 - *Tung Fong*) and Sing Tao (星島 - literally "Star Island").

<i>Chinese</i>	<i>Cantonese transliteration</i>	<i>Wade-Giles transliteration</i>	<i>Pinyin transliteration</i>
	Players:		
張榮才	Cheung Wing-Choi	Chang Jung-Tsai	Zhang Rongcai
水田林	Shui Tin-Lam (or Lim)	Shui Tian-Lin	Shui Tianlin
吳祺祥	Ng Kee-Cheung	Wu Chi-Hsiang	Wu Qixiang
侯容生	Hau Yung-Sang	Hou Jung-Sheng	Hou Rongsheng
李天生	Lee Tin-Sang	Li Tiansheng	Li Tiansheng
嚴士鑫	Yim Si-Yam	Yen Shih-Hsin	Yan Shixin
徐亞輝	Chui Ah-Fai	Hsu Ya-Hui	Xu Yahui
梁榮照	Leung Wing-Chiu	Liang Jung-Chao	Liang Rongzhao
宋靈聖	Sung Ling-Sing	Sing Ling-Sheng	Song Lingsheng
郭英祺	Kwok Ying-Kee	Kuo Ying-Chi	Guo Yingqi
桂容福	Kwai Yung-Fook	Kuei Jung-Fu	Gui Rongfu
曹秋亭	Cho Chow-Ting	Tsao Chiu-Ting	Cao Qiuting
張金海	Cheung Kam-Hoi	Chang Chin-Hai	Zhang Jinhai
許文奎	Hui Man-Fui or in Hakka : Hi Ven-Kui	Hsu Wen-Kuei	Xu Wenkui
馮景祥	Fung King-Cheung	Feng Ching-Hsiang	Feng Jingxiang
侯澄滔	Hau Ching-To	Hou Cheng-Tao	Hou Chengtao
鄧廣森	Tang Kwong-Sum	Teng Kuang-Sen	Deng Guangsen
葉北華	Yip Pak-Wah	Yeh Pei-Hua	Ye Beihua
黎兆榮	Lai Shiu-Wing	Li Chao-Jung	Li Zhaorong
楊水益	Yeung Shui-Yik	Yang Shui-I	Yang Shuiyi

Ng Kee-Cheung, Cheung Kam-Hoi and Hau Ching-To also toured Australia in 1953.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
28th. June 1941, 15.00			Melbourne Cricket Ground, Melbourne, Australia				Muddy ground					5000	
Australia..4 v. Chinese XI..6													
half time, Australia..3 v. Chinese XI..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Bill Morgan						GK	Cheung Wing-Choi (Chang Jung-Tsai)				
	RB	John "Jack" Evans (c)	X(og)					RB	Hau Yung-Sang				
	LB	B.Walker						LB	Lee Tin-Sang				
	RH	R.Kelso						RH	Cheung Kam-Hoi				
	CH	James "Jimmy" Osborne						CH	Sung Ling-Sing				
	LH	Jack Wallace						LH	Ng Kee-Cheung (Wu Chi-Hsiang)				
	OR	James "Skeeta" Wilkinson	X, X					OR	Yeung Shui-Yik				
	IR	Reg Date						IR	Fung King-Cheung				
	CF	Jack "Bully" Hughes						CF	Hi Ven-Kui	X, X			
	IL	Wally Magee	X, X					IL	Lai Shiu-Wing	23, X, X			
	OL	Ron Taylor						OL	Cho Chow-Ting (Tsao Chiu-Ting)				
Team Coach								Team Coach		Chen Foh-Yu			
Team Manager								Team Manager		Woo Lai-Tin (Peter)			
Referee		E. Hayden											
Linesman		G.Tomlinson											
Linesman		C.Rodger						Squad List		Goalkeepers			
										Cheung Wing-Choi (Sing Tao)			
										Shui Tin-Lam (Sing Tao)			
										Fullbacks			
										Ng Kee-Cheung (Eastern Athletic)			
										Hau Yung-Sang (Sing Tao)			
										Lee Tin-Sang (Sing Tao)			
										Yen Shih-Hsin (Eastern Athletic)			
										Half-backs			
										Chui Ah-Fai (Sing Tao)			
										Leung Wing-Chiu (Sing Tao)			
										Sung Ling-Sing (Sing Tao)			
										Kwok Ying-Kee (Sing Tao)			
										Kwai Yung-Fook (Eastern Athletic)			
										Forwards			
										Cho Chow-Ting (Eastern Athletic)			
										Cheung Kam-Hoi (Eastern Athletic)			
										Hi Ven-Kui (Eastern Athletic)			
										Fung King-Cheung (Sing Tao)			
										Hau Ching-To (Eastern Athletic)			
										Tang Kwong-Sum (Sing Tao)			
										Yip Pak-Wah (Sing Tao)			
										Lai Shiu-Wing (Sing Tao)			
										Yeung Shui-Yik (Sing Tao)			

The own goal by J.Evans is also reported as a goal to Ng Kee-Cheung (Wu Chi-Hsiang).

match report from The Argus, 30/6/1941, page 9

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/8165202>

China defeated Australia in the first Test soccer match at MCG on Saturday by 6 goals to 4. Opening sensationally, Wilkinson (NSW) and Magee (V) each scored a goal within 8 minutes, and then China had to face a penalty kick for a simple infringement by Lee, but Hughes (NSW) shot the "spot" kick very wide. China then played up strongly for a goal by Lai after 23 minutes. Continuing, China gave Australia's defence a hectic time with goalkeeper Morgan (NSW) receiving loud applause from the 5,000 spectators. Relief came when Wallace (V) set Date (NSW) off in a fast run through the centre. After drawing China's defence Date back-heeled the ball to Wilkinson who gave Australia a lead of 3 goals to 1 at the interval.

The second half opened as sensationally as the first. China advanced in line from the centre and Woo kicked the ball too far for his forwards. Evans (NSW) had ample time to clear, but miskicked and diverted the ball into his own goal. Immediately Lai levelled the score. China's long passing nonplussed Australia, which tired quickly, and Hyui by individual effort, increased China's score to 5 goals. Australia sagged badly in the closing stages, failed to keep position, and could not control the ball in the mud.

Morgan (goal), Magee, and Date (forwards) fully justified their inclusion. Others to do well were Evans, Walker and Kelso. Australia's left wing (Osborne, Taylor and Hughes) was never allowed to function. For China, Hau, Sung, K.Chang, Lai, Yeung and Hyui were outstanding. The next Test will be at Sydney on Saturday.

match report from The Age, 30/6/1941, page 10

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/205155201/19385989>

China's victory in the first Soccer test at Melbourne cricket ground on Saturday was due sheer merit, particularly in the second half, when the visitors' needle-threading position technique was brilliantly exemplified, and proved its superiority.

At half-time interval Australia's stocks were high. The team, which included several New South Wales players of ability and experience, had given a good display against the China eleven, and had a lead of two goals. In the second term, however, when China accelerated the pace and worked with baffling precision. Australia's early superiority dwindled, and some time before the close of the match it was obvious that defeat could only be averted by a super-human effort. Notwithstanding the bad state of most of the playing area, the game was a good exhibition of strenuous Soccer, and kept the 5000 spectators keyed up with excitement throughout.

The teams were:-

China - Goal: Y.Z.Chang. Backs: Y.S.Hau, T.S.Lee. Half-backs: K.H.Chang, L.S.Sung, C.S.Woo. Forwards: S.Y.Yeung, K.C.Fung, V.K.Hyui, S.W.Lai, C.T.Tsao.

Australia - Goal: W.Morgan (N.S.W.). Backs: J.B.Evans, B.Walker (S.A.). Half-backs: J.Osborne (N.S.W.), P.Kelso (N.S.W.), J.Wallace (Vic.). Forwards: R.Taylor (Vic.), J.Hughes (N.S.W.), W.Magee (Vic.), R.Date (N.S.W.), J.Wilkinson (N.S.W.).

Even play marked the first few minutes of the match, after which Australia made a strong attack, which ended in Hughes bringing the ball down and driving it across to Wilkinson, who beat the China goalie with a fast shot. Australia pressed the attack, and electrified its supporters by putting on its second goal in less than ten minutes' play. This came from Magee, following a beautiful to goal by Date. China rallied and made a series of assaults on Australia's goal, during which Morgan brought off some spectacular saves. Later the visitors had their first success when Lai centred to Hyui, who beat Morgan to the net.

Half-time scores were:- Australia 3, China 1.

Soon after play was resumed Woo got a shot through, which baffled Morgan, and a few minutes later Lai equalised for China. The China team was now playing with perfect system, and generally adapting itself better to the unfavorable ground conditions. Australia strove solidly to retrieve the position, and hopes revived when a pass from Wallace was centred by Date to Magee, who got Australia's fourth and last goal.

The success was, however, neutralised by Lai, following a sequence of position passes, and China regained its two-goal lead, which it maintained to the end of the match.

Final scores:- China.. ..6 goals, Australia.. ..4 goals.

Goal kickers - China: Lai (3), Hyui (2), Woo. Australia: Wilkinson (2), Magee (2).

Best Players - China: Lee, Woo, Tsao, Lai, Hyui. Australia: Morgan, Kelso, Walker, Magee, Wilkinson.

additional information from Neil Morrison

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature			Attendance	
5th. July 1941, 15.00			Sydney Cricket Ground, Moore Park, Australia										25000	
Australia..4 v. Chinese XI..2														
half time, Australia..1 v. Chinese XI..2														
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	
START LIST														
	GK	Bill Morgan						GK	Cheung Wing-Choi (Chang Jung-Tsai)					
	RB	J."Wagga" Wallace						RB	Hau Yung-Sang					
	LB	John "Jack" Evans (c)						LB	Lee Tin-Sang					
	RH	Ray "Tugger" Bryant						RH	Cheung Kam-Hoi (Chang Chin-Hai)					
	CH	William Coolahan						CH	Sung Ling-Sing					
	LH	James "Jimmy" Osborne						LH	Ng Kee-Cheung (Wu Chi-Hsiang)		X			
	OR	Roy Crowhurst						OR	Yeung Shiu-Yik					
	IR	James "Skeeta" Wilkinson	53					IR	Fung King-Cheung					
	CF	Alfred Quill	73					CF	Hi Ven-Kui	X				
	IL	Jack "Bully" Hughes	X, X					IL	Lai Shiu-Wing					
	OL	Max Wynn						OL	Cho Chow-Ting (Tsao Chiu-Ting)	3				
SUBSTITUTES														
								LH	Hau Yung-Sang				X	
Team Coach							Team Coach							
Team Manager							Team Manager							
Referee							Referee							
Linesman							Linesman							
Linesman							Linesman							

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 7/7/1941, page 7

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/17755272>

Australia beat China in the second test played at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday before a crowd of approximately 35,000, which contributed a gate amounting to £2,300.

China led 2-1 at half-time, and with the score two all, lost their right half-back, Woo Chi-Shing, who was struck on the chest by a hard driven ball and suffered severe bruises. China played for more than 35 minutes with one man short, during which time the Australian attack was on top.

Mr Peter Woo, joint-manager of the Chinese team, expressed disappointment at the team's loss in strength against such a formidable Australian side. He felt sure however, that China could win the third Test to be played next Saturday.

There were many delightful incidents in the match, not the least noticeable being the sportsmanship of the visitors. The interest of the crowd was held by the skilful footwork, particularly by the Chinese, who were at a disadvantage against their stronger opponents, but held a balance by their agility.

Keen anticipation played a big part in China's attack and defence. This was exemplified when the team's second goal was scored. Hyui Vung-Khwe, Tsao Chiu-ting, and Yung Shiu-Yick were responsible for it a few minutes before half-time. Morgan, the Australian goalkeeper, had come out in defence, Hyui slipped in behind him waiting for the ball, which he flicked into the net with his head. His glance at the Australian goalkeeper was almost apologetic.

From start to finish it was an interesting exposition of skilful and scientific football.

China thrilled the crowd by scoring the first goal in three minutes, the left winger, Tsao Chiu-Ting crowning a brilliant approach by the forwards, culminating in a snappy pass by the centre-forward, Hyui Vung Khwe, and a swift shot along the ground by Tsao into the net.

It was not for more than half an hour that another goal was registered, when J.Hughes, the Australian inside-left forward, and his brilliant colleague, R.Crowhurst, on the right wing, co-operated in creating a position which enabled Hughes's shot to find the net.

Play reached a high level in the second half. J.Wilkinson, the inside left forward, set Australia on the way to victory after eight minutes of play, when W.Coolahan, the centre half, sent the ball out to the right wing to Max Wynn, who tricked the right back, Hau Yung-Sang, and gave Wilkinson a beautiful pass which enabled the Weston player to head the equalising goal. Twenty minutes later, Australia went into the lead when Wilkinson, Crowhurst, and the centre forward combined, Crowhurst crossing the ball to Quill whose ground shot scored.

additional information from Neil Morrison

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
12th. July 1941, 15.00			Sydney Cricket Ground, Moore Park, Australia				Muddy ground					10000	
Australia..2 v. Chinese XI..5													
half time, Australia..1 v. Chinese XI..2													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
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	RH	Ray "Tugger" Bryant						RH	Cheung Kam-Hoi (Chang Chin-Hai)				
	CH	William Coolahan						CH	Sung Ling-Sing				
	LH	James "Jimmy" Osborne						LH	Ng Kee-Cheung (Wu Chi-Hsiang)				
	OR	James "Skeeta" Wilkinson						OR	Yeung Shui-Yik	89			
	IR	Reg Date						IR	Fung King-Cheung	X			
	CF	William "Mick" Lonergan	X, X					CF	Hi Ven-Kui	X			
	IL	Jack "Bully" Hughes						IL	Lai Shiu-Wing	X			
	OL	Les Burnett						OL	Cho Chow-Ting (Tsao Chiu-Ting)	X			
Team Coach							Team Coach						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

Leung Wing-Chiu was scheduled to play at left-half (<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/27945462>)

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 14/7/1941, page 10 <http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/17741632>
China's victory over Australia by 5 goals to 2 in the third test match was a blow to the belief that a team composed entirely of New South Wales players could be relied upon to retain the supremacy. The victory was mainly due to excellent understanding between all sections of the visiting team, the swiftness and certainty of their moves, with perfect positional play, and splendid anticipation exercised by all members of the team. Their control of the ball, even when it became slippery after rolling in the slush of the cricket pitch, was amazing. Apparently the selectors for the Australian team have changed their views on the necessity for affording the Australian team an opportunity for practice together, as it was announced that the team to play in the fourth test match at Newcastle next Saturday will be assembled on Thursday next, and will have a couple of days' training. The Chinese team was highly delighted with its success, and the dressing room resounded with a babel of excited comment in both English and the players' own language. Mr. Peter Woo, the joint manager, said that at last they had proved their standard to be equal to that of the best Australian. They hoped to return another year in the near future, and expect that the standard of Australian Soccer will have still further improved. He congratulated the Australian players on the quality they had shown. Mr. J.O.Wilshaw, president of the Victorian Football Association and an Australian selector, who witnessed all three test matches, said that the Chinese had played well on Saturday, but better in Melbourne. The result, he said, demonstrated the necessity for including interstate players in the Australian team, as some of those who had taken part seemed to be chosen on past reputation rather than their present ability. RESULTS.
Third Test, -CHINA, 5 goals (Fung, Hyui, Tsao, Lai, Yeung), beat AUSTRALIA, 2 (W.Lonergan 2), at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

match report from Sunday Mail, 13/7/1941, page 16 <http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/98253469>
China quickly took the lead in the third Soccer Test to-day and maintained their pressure to win a brilliant match, 5-2, before a crowd of 10,000. Fung opened China's account with a terrific drive, and shortly after Morgan dived to save another hard shot from Fung. Lonergan side-stepped two defenders and goaled for Australia with a left-footed shot. China took the lead before half time, and early in the second half went farther ahead when Tsao drove in a beautiful shot. Lonergan netted his second goal, but the crowd came to its feet when the Chinese forwards attacked in open formation and Lai headed the ball past Morgan. With a minute to go Yeung scored China's fifth goal.

additional information from Neil Morrison

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
19th. July 1941, 15.00			Newcastle Sports Ground, Newcastle, Australia									13963	
Australia..5 v. Chinese XI..2													
half time, Australia..2 v. Chinese XI..2													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Bill Morgan						GK	Cheung Wing-Choi (Chang Jung-Tsai)				
	RB	John "Jack" Evans (c)						RB	Hau Yung-Sang				
	LB	Gordon Muncaster						LB	Lee Tin-Sang				
	RH	Ray "Tugger" Bryant						RH	Cheung Kam-Hoi (Chang Chin-Hai)				
	CH	J.Cuthbert						CH	Sung Ling-Sing				
	LH	Lex Gibb						LH	Leung Wing-Chiu				
	OR	Roy Crowhurst	X					OR	Yeung Shiu-Yik	X			
	IR	James "Skeeta" Wilkinson	X					IR	Fung King-Cheung				
	CF	William "Mick" Lonergan	X, X, X					CF	Hi Ven-Kui	X			
	IL	Jack "Bully" Hughes						IL	Lai Shiu-Wing		X		
	OL	R.Taylor						OL	Cho Chow-Ting (Tsao Chiu-Ting)				
Team Coach							Team Coach						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 21/7/1941, page 8 <http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/17755121>

Australia won the fourth Soccer test match against China on Saturday by five goals to two. Each team has now won two test matches and the final test will be played in Brisbane.

Gordon Muncaster who was making his debut in international football was the star of the match. Injured twice during play, he was on both occasions requested to leave the field, refused, and after treatment reached such heights of brilliance that at the end of the game the crowd chose Muncaster for a special ovation. Timely sliding tackles and long, accurate punting were features of his play. He never allowed the Chinese forwards or halves to settle down to their usual game.

Mr. Chen, the secretary and official coach of the Chinese, stated after the match that the Australian attack was much better than China expected. "Never before have we seen such accuracy in the long passing type of play. China never fully recovered from the early loss of two goals. The loss through injury of Lai was another disturbing factor but Australia fully deserves its success. China offers her congratulations and takes her hat off to Australia. Now to Brisbane for the last test and may the better team win."

The return of Crowhurst to the Australian forward line added the much-needed punch to the Australian game, while Gibb and Cuthbert were sound halves, Lonergan, who scored three goals, showed better qualities of leadership, while Taylor, the Victorian, after a shaky start did very well in the second half.

China's display fell below that of the third test match. The dash in attack and the confidence in defence were only visible at intervals.

Tsao did not impress, while Hyui had little room to exploit his devastating dribbles. Sung at centre half was always reliable, while Lee and Hau came through the conflict with honours:

The attendance was officially announced as 13,963 and receipts £ 1,250, figures which have only been beaten in Newcastle by the English amateur combination in 1937.

Scorers: -Australia, 5 (W.Lonergan 3, J.Wilkinson 1, R.Crowhurst 1), defeated China, 2 (Hyui, Yeung).

The Chinese will play a Brisbane side on a floodlit ground on Wednesday night.

match report from Newcastle Morning Herald, 21/7/1941, page 6 <http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/139408860>

AUSTRALIA 5. CHINA 2 ! A very pretty and a very definite retort to those of us - and we were in the majority - who, a week ago, believed we could foresee, the end of Australia's Soccer supremacy. It is a timely retort, too, for Australia's clear-cut victory in the fourth Test match at Newcastle Sports Ground on Saturday has given us a chance to hold the Ashes, which have been in this country since 1926. The Australians played much above their known form and China was, by sheer brilliance, forced into one of its poorest displays of the tour. I doubt if China could play so badly for so long again, and if the Australian side could sustain such brilliance again. One heard the same old story after the game that the result was arranged so that the teams would attract a big "gate" in Brisbane when they meet in the deciding Test in a fortnight. Those who believe that are a long way off the line. Had they been able to see the Australians' shins, knees, ribs, and legs after the match they would know much different. Both sides were "flat out," but China could not find its best form once the Australians filched the initiative. The dizzy pace set by the Australian side in the first 10 minutes had much to do with the victory because it unbalanced China which, except for one short period when it equalised the scores, could never find its feet.

Had China played as well as it did in the previous two Tests, and had the Australians stood off their men as they did in those matches, China would, for all the good work of the Australian defence, have drawn at least. That is not written to discredit the Australian victory or to excuse last week's suggestions that the team was poor in quality. The idea is given weight by some of the Australian players, only three of whom were really confident of success. One said before the match that he would not back his own side with "bad money," and another, who has played in all the Test matches, that Australia would be lucky to score one goal for each two of China's. Another international, who played in the third Test, thought so highly of China's prospects that he laid 6 to 4 against Australia winning. Australia used its great pace to score twice before China seemed to realise that the match had started, but China fought back and levelled the scores. When the teams retired at the interval, with the score 2-all, it seemed that China was on top, and there was no hint of the avalanche that was to sweep it away in the second half. China became completely unbalanced before the robust and relentless, but perfectly fair Australian marking. By virtue of greater speed, superior ball-craft, brainier moves often cunningly veiled, and good marksmanship, allied to brawn used intelligently, and at the right time, Australia reduced the Chinese main defence to a shambles in the second half. For only three distinct periods in the game did China show fight and skill, and it was in one of these spells, when Australia's pace flagged for a time, that China levelled the score. It was not the reverse that roused Australia. It was some uncovenanted tackling a minute or so later that caused the Australian "Paddy" to rise; that, in the main, made the difference, and induced the Australians to play a brand of football their earlier efforts had never suggested. Roused, the Australians would not be beaten, and many times the defenders did things that ordinarily would have been regarded as impossible. It might seem hard to suggest that a team so heavily beaten was lucky, but had it not been for some strokes of good fortune the score against China would have been greater. China had a thoroughly spirit-lowering day and, except for the three spells mentioned, the side played badly all round-probably at its worst since it met New South Wales in the tour's first match. The forward line, changed at half-time as a desperate measure, never combined as it can, and its individuals were obviously unhappy. When Muncaster took charge, they were apparently nervous of him. consequently their usual rhythmic movements jarred badly. The defence, with one notable exception, was usually outpaced and outgeneralled, and was in rags before it was finished with. The exception was Y.S.Hau, easily the best player on the ground, for all of Muncaster's good and more spectacular work. Hau is the ideal footballer, and as clean as a new pin. It is a pleasure to watch him play.

Muncaster came through his international baptism magnificently. He was nervous at the start, but was coaxed and cajoled by Evans, a watchful guardian if ever there was one, into giving one of the best displays of full-back play seen for a long time. He tackled grimly, without thought of danger to himself, and held the Chinese inside attack in a vice-like grip. He was fast and resolute, reliable and definite. I wrote earlier that his sliding tackle would not upset the Chinese nimbleness. But it did. It was so effective that in the end the Chinese forwards parted with the ball before Muncaster could range along-side them. He has, on this one display, built for himself a place in the international teams of the future. But, in praising Muncaster's display one must not lose sight of the fact that Evans, behind him, was also great. He held the side together in the dangerous periods with all the skill of a general, and his covering was as near to perfect as one will see. Lonerger surprised even his greatest supporters. For many reasons I have criticised selectors who left him out of representative teams, but never have I believed he would do as well as he has in the Test matches. On Saturday he had a job to do, and, a few misses apart, did it brilliantly. In nimble-wittedness, mobility, resource, and strategic sense, he was a host in himself. He distributed the ball well, was not afraid to shoot, and not afraid of some tackling that bordered on the suspicious, to say the least. Crowhurst and Wilkinson, too, were fine, and easily the better wing. They rose to the heights in the second half. These two and Lonerger put China on the rack. Hughes did not play as well as he can, and Taylor, from Victoria, is not of international standard. Morgan was as good as usual, Cuthbert did not do as well as expected, but tried hard. L.Gibb, who turned himself into a third-back at times, gave Yeung one chance, and when Yeung scored from it, Gibb saw to it that no more came. He did well. Bryant did much running about, and was fortunate that Tsao played his worst game in Australia. Much of the tackling was rude, not to say violent. Keeness often outran discretion, and there was a tendency to stop a man at all costs. For instance, the first time Gibb went up to head a ball he found himself held by the knickers so that he either had to drop or lose them. The match, for a time, grew feverish. When Muncaster was knocked out the charge was so obviously against the rules that the Australian captain, Evans, spoke to the Chinese captain about it, and said that if it was not "cut out" he would have difficulty in restraining the suffering Australians. It is to the credit of the Australians that they did keep their tempers admirably.

additional information from Neil Morrison

Date & Time			Venue				Weather		Temperature		Attendance		
2nd. August 1941, 15.30			Exhibition Ground, Brisbane, Australia				Fine				15000		
Australia..8 v. Chinese XI..4													
half time, Australia..4 v. Chinese XI..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Bill Morgan						GK	Cheung Wing-Choi (Chang Jung-Tsai)				
	RB	John "Jack" Evans (c)						RB	Hau Yung-Sang				
	LB	Gordon Muncaster						LB	Lee Tin-Sang				
	RH	Ray "Tugger" Bryant						RH	Kwok Ying-Kee				
	CH	Robert "Bob" Lawrie	X					CH	Sung Ling-Sing				
	LH	Lex Gibb						LH	Cheung Kam-Hoi (Chang Chin-Hai)				
	OR	Roy Crowhurst						OR	Yeung Shui-Yik	X			
	IR	James "Skeeta" Wilkinson	X					IR	Fung King-Cheung				
			X, X, X,										
	CF	William "Mick" Lonergan	X, X					CF	Hi Ven-Kui				
	IL	Jack "Bully" Hughes						IL	Lai Shiu-Wing	X, X, X			
	OL	Vic Barnett	X					OL	Cho Chow-Ting (Tsao Chiu-Ting)				
Team Coach							Team Coach						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee							Woo Lai-Tin						
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Courier-Mail, 4/8/1941, page 6

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/41935488>

Bob Lawrie and Lex Gibb, Queensland Soccer stars, played a big part in Australia's 8-4 victory over China in the final test at the Exhibition Ground on Saturday. Although their selection was criticised in New South Wales they proved that they are the best half-backs in Australia.

The win gave Australia the "ashes" for the series. Gate receipts for the match were £1400, and 15,000 people watched the play. The Australian forwards were well served with the ball by Lawrie, Gibb, and Bryant. Lonergan, who scored five goals, proved one of the best centre-forwards Australia has produced. He scored three fine goals with his head, leaping high above the defenders to nod the ball cleverly past Chang, the full back. The Wilkinson-Crowhurst combination on the right flank proved too good for China, and Crowhurst's accurate centres frequently brought goals. Evans and Muncaster were exceptionally safe full backs. After their remarkable form in the previous fixtures in Queensland the play of the Chinese was disappointing. They were hesitant in the first half, when they lost their grip on the game, but played better late in the second half. They undoubtedly felt the loss of Woo in the middle line, which, with the exception of Sung, was unimpressive. Neither Chang nor Kwok could hold the speedy Australian forwards. Lee, the full back, was one of the best defenders on the field, and frequently extricated his team from dangerous situations. Hau, the other full back, was not as effective as Lee, and Chang, the goalkeeper, could scarcely have saved any of the eight goals. Their forwards were particularly weak. Mr.Woo Lai Tin, the Chinese manager, said after the game that he hoped an Australian team would visit China next year. The Chinese tour closed on Saturday and, the team has made plans to leave Australia.

The Chinese XI had a series of challenge matches in addition to the test matches. The results of those games were:-

31st.May 1941 New South Wales..6 v. Chinese XI..4 at the Sydney Cricket Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales kick-off 15.00 Attendance..21,739
1st.June 1941 Illawarra..2 v. Chinese XI..4 at Woonona, Wollongong, New South Wales Attendance..2,700
7th.June 1941 Northern District..3 v. Chinese XI..5 at the Newcastle Sports Ground, Newcastle, New South Wales kick-off 15.00 Attendance..8,000
8th.June 1941 Granville..4 v. Chinese XI..7 at the Clyde Oval, Granville, New South Wales kick-off 15.00 Attendance..5,000
14th.June 1941 Victoria..2 v. Chinese XI..7 at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, Melbourne kick-off 15.00 Attendance..6,000
16th.June 1941 Victoria..3 v. Chinese XI..8 at Carlton, Melbourne kick-off 15.00
21st.June 1941 South Australia..1 v. Chinese XI..9 at the Hindmarsh Oval, Adelaide, South Australia kick-off 15.15 Attendance..4,000
24th.June 1941 South Australia..1 v. Chinese XI..4 at the Adelaide Oval, Adelaide, South Australia Attendance..2,000
29th.June 1941 Wagga Wagga District..1 v. Chinese XI..13 at Wagga Cricket Ground, Wagga Wagga, NSW kick-off 15.00 Attendance..2,500
6th.July 1941 Lithgow District..2 v. Chinese XI..3 at the Recreation Ground, Lithgow, NSW Attendance..2200
15th.July 1941 South Maitland..3 v. Chinese XI..5 at the Cessnock Sports Ground, Cessnock, New South Wales kick-off 15.30 Attendance..2,000
23rd.July 1941 Brisbane..1 v. Chinese XI..8 at the Exhibition Ground, Brisbane, Queensland Attendance..3,500
26th.July 1941 Queensland..0 v. Chinese XI..8 at the Exhibition Ground, Brisbane, Queensland Attendance..8,000
30th.July 1941 Ipswich..3 v. Chinese XI..3 at the Bundamba Ground, Ipswich, Queensland kick-off 15.15

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The South African 1947 tour was originally planned for five international friendly matches against Australia followed by a tour of New Zealand. After the New Zealand leg of the tour the South Africans returned to Australia and stayed for a further five weeks due to a shipping strike during which they played six additional unscheduled matches.

Football had long been played in South Africa with indications that games were played as early as 1888. There was a tour in 1891 by an English team (Corinthians) who played against local sides in the Western Province, Somerset, the Cape, Rand and Kimberley.

In 1906, a touring side ("Springboks") representing the South African Football Association, considered the country's national side, toured South America, playing a variety of club teams as well as league XI's and a side called "Argentinos" which consisted of the best Argentine players from the local league; it is an unofficial match for Argentina but was considered an "official" "Test match" by the tourists. Apart from these matches, the SAFA selection played 12 more matches in Argentina and Uruguay, including one against an Argentine League XI (Liga Argentina), won 4-1 on 15.07.1906, and one against an Uruguayan League XI (Liga Uruguaya), won 6-1; on their way home they also played a match in São Paulo against the Seleção Paulista on 31.07.1906, won 6-0. The matches against the Liga Argentina and the Seleção Paulista are also occasionally listed as 'official' international matches.

An English FA selection toured South Africa on four occasions: in 1910, 1920, 1929 and 1939; during each of those tours, this selection played 3 "Test matches" against the Springboks, the official South African team. While the English FA team were not the official national side, it consisted almost exclusively of top professional players on each occasion and was stronger than the England Amateur side which used to make mincemeat of national sides from continental Europe in matches considered official by their opponents (in fact, the star player of the England Amateur side, Vivian Woodward, was part of the 1910 tour, scoring twice in two of the three "Test matches"). The SAFA considered these matches to be official and had the matches of the 1910, 1920 and 1929 tours listed in FIFA World Football Almanac, 1931 (reprinted 2005).

In 1921 it was reported that the South African Football Association had proposed a European tour. The report indicated that the team was to tour Great Britain, France, the Netherlands and Belgium. The tour was expected to begin in November 1922. It is not clear if the national team's European tour took place, as there was opposition to South Africa's segregation policies.

However, in 1924, there was a tour of Ireland, England, Wales, Scotland and the Netherlands. They played 26 matches, including 5 against "national teams". Of these only the match against the Netherlands in Amsterdam (2/11/1924) which they lost 1-2 was considered an official international match.

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Date & Time		Venue		Weather		Temperature		Attendance					
26th. April 1947, 15.00		Norwood Oval, Adelaide, Australia						9000					
<div>Australian XI..2 v. Union of South Africa..3</div> <div>half time, Australian XI..1 v. Union of South Africa..2</div>													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Harry Ashworth						GK	Claude Brink				
	RB	James Edward "Joe" Marston						RB	Ron Nicholson				
	LB	Bert Walker						LB	Ernie Dowell				
	RH	Dave Coote						RH	Steve van Rensberg				
	CH	Andy Dunstan						CH	Harry Naish				
	LH	Andy Herd						LH	Hermanus "Tollie" Pretorious				
	OR	Alby Castle	15					OR	John Claassens	X			
	IR	Eric Glasson						IR	Horace Smethurst (c)				
	CF	Reg Date	X					CF	Basil Clack	25			
	IL	Jim Cunningham						IL	Sid O'Linn				
	OL	Ron Bracegirdle						OL	Len Anley	X			
Team Coach							Team Coach						
Team Manager							Team Manager		J.Barbour				
Referee		Bob Telfer											
Linesman													
Linesman							Squad List		Goalkeepers		J.Pickerill		
											C.Brink		
									Fullbacks		H.D.MacCreadie		
											R.Nicholson		
											E.Dowell		
									Half-backs		Harry Edward Naish		
											R.Ferriman		
											S.van Rensberg		
									Forwards		L.C.Kurland		
											H.J.Pretorious		
											D.Forbes		
											John Henry Claassens		
											D.A.Wilson		
											G.Falconer		
											B.Clack		
											Syd O'Linn		
											L.Anley		
											H.Smethurst		

John Claassens was also shown as Johnny Classens. H.MacCreadie was also shown as Doug.McCreadie and Doug.McCready.

Laicy Cecil "Cys" Kurland is also shown as Cecil Kurland and Cayci Kurland.

James Edward "Joe" Marston(MBE) was born on 7th.January 1926 and was the first Australian to play in a F.A.Cup Final. He was in the losing Preston North End side when they were defeated by West Bromwich Albion (2-3, 1st.May 1954).

The Advertiser, 28/4/1947, page 6

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/30525237>

In the international soccer match at the Norwood Oval on Saturday, South Africa defeated Australia by three goals to two.

South Africa was the faster team and combined well. It was stronger in most positions, and may have won comfortably but for the defensive work of Ashworth, the Australian goalkeeper, and Marston, at right back.

The visitors did not field its strongest team, and Australia will be hard pressed to counter its robust style of play in the test matches in the eastern States.

South Africa was quickly on the offensive and terrific shots from Smethurst and Classens narrowly missed. About fifteen minutes after the start a long shot from Castle, the Australian outside right, completely deceived Brink in the South African goal. Ten minutes later South Africa equalised. A hard shot by Anley on the left wing was only partly cleared, and Clack, following in, scored from close range. Another clever combined move by the Springbok forwards resulted in Anley sweeping through the Australian defence to put his team in the lead.

After the interval Ashworth was called upon time and again to clear his lines. Marston saved a certain goal when he headed out a strong shot on the goal line with Ashworth yards away. Clack then cleverly eluded the Australian defence, and placed to Classens, who shot past Ashworth from close range. A few minutes before the final whistle. Date, the Australian centre forward, scored with a cannonball shot.

South Africa 3 goals, d. Australia 2 goals.

Goalscorers.—South Africa—Clack, Anley. Classens. Australia—Castle and Date.

Brink, the South African goalkeeper, dealt confidently with most shots, and his punted clearing kicks invariably landed well inside the opposition territory. Nicholson and Dowell defended well, and the half-backs all shone, with Naish shadowing Date. Van Rensburg and Pretorius were always up among the forwards with clever constructive play. Classens impressed with his speed and ball control, but missed several opportunities to score when well placed. O'Linn and Smethurst made most of the openings for the other forwards. Clack in the centre was always dangerous, and Anley on the left wing, although up against the best defender, played cleverly. For Australia, Ashworth, in goal, played a great game, and his agility and good judgment saved his side on many occasions. The outstanding player on the field, however, was Marston, at right back.

He gave the best exhibition of full back play ever seen in Adelaide. Walker was not up to his usual form but took his side out of a tough corner on several occasions. Coote at right half was the best half back.

Dunstan at centre half stuck to his guns and was the best of the South Australians. Herd at left half showed clever football, but had not the speed to recover in defence. The three inside forwards, Glasson, Date and Cunningham combined well.

Three South Australians, who have been selected to play for the Australian Eleven against South Africa in Melbourne on Wednesday, left last night with the South Africans and players from the other States. They are A.Dunstan, centre half (Cumberland); P.Cranswick, out side left (Kingswood), and A.White, inside right (Kingswood).

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Date & Time				Venue				Weather				Temperature		Attendance	
30th. April 1947, 15.00				Melbourne Cricket Ground, Melbourne, Australia										6000	
Australian XI..4 v. Union of South Africa..5															
half time, Australian XI..2 v. Union of South Africa..4															
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)		
START LIST															
	GK	Harry Ashworth						GK	Claude Brink						
	RB	James Edward "Joe" Marston						RB	Douglas McCreddie						
	LB	Dave Coote						LB	Ron Nicholson						
	RH	Don Bingham						RH	Hermanus "Tollie" Pretorius						
	CH	Andy Dunstan						CH	Harry Naish						
	LH	Jack Wallace						LH	Dudley Forbes						
	OR	Eric Glasson						OR	Gordon Falconer						
	IR	A.White						IR	Basil Clack	30, X					
	CF	Reg Date	20, X(pk)	65				CF	John Claassens	5, 28	X				
	IL	Jim Cunningham	X, X					IL	Horace Smethurst (c)						
	OL	P."Paddy"Cranswick						OL	Donald Wilson	X					
Team Coach							Team Coach								
Team Manager							Team Manager		J.Barbour						
Referee		C.Armstrong													
Linesman															
Linesman															

match report from The Argus, 1/5/1947, page 18

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/22423418>

The Springboks soccer team defeated an Australian XI by 5 goals to 4 at the Melbourne Cricket Ground yesterday. They have already beaten Western Australia, 12 goals to 2, and South Australia, 3 goals to 2.

The teams were:

South Africa: Brink; McCreddie, Nicolson; Pretorius, Naish, Forbes; Falconer, Clack, Classens, Smethurst, Wilson.

Australian XI: Ashworth; Marston, Coote; Bingham, Dunstan, Wallace; Glasson, White, Date, Cunningham, Cranswick.

There were 6,000 present when Australia won the toss and elected to defend the railway goal. Bingham broke up an early advance by Springboks, but after five minutes Classens, centre forward for South Africa, accepted a pass from Falconer and scored. Australia made several promising attacks, but there was little pace in the shots by White and Date.

After 20 minutes Australia drew level, when Date headed a corner kick from Cranswick past Brink, Classens was injured, and moved to the left wing, where he scored Springboks' second goal after 28 minutes.

Two minutes later Clack scored another goal for Springboks with a grass-cutter shot just out of Ashworth's reach.

In an Australian advance White skimmed the crossbar with a splendid shot from 25 yards range.

Just before half-time Clack and Wilson had unsuccessful shots for goal, but Wilson came again and scored Springboks' fourth goal.

Australia attacked again, and when Naish handled the ball Date scored from the penalty spot. Half-time: South Africa, 4; Australia. 2.

Australia attacked strongly early in the second half, with White and Date both shooting too high for goal. At this stage Classens (Springboks) retired hurt.

Australia reduced its deficit when Cunningham scored from close range.

Five minutes later Cunningham levelled the score with a low shot, with which Brink had no chance.

Glasson (Aust) was limping badly and could not keep pace with his opponents. Date (injured knee) went off the field after 20 minutes. Ashworth made two splendid saves from Clack and Wilson. Springboks again took the lead after Wilson kicked well forward. Ashworth ran out of goal too late, and Clack tapped the ball into the net.

Result: South Africa, 5; Australia, 4.

Goalscorers: South Africa: Classens 2, Clack 2, Wilson. Australia: Date 2, Cunningham 2.

Best Players: South Africa: Nicolson, Naish, Clack, and Wilson. Australia: Marston, Dunstan, Ashworth, Wallace, and Cunningham.

Note:- Joe Marston (Leichhardt-Annandale) was the first Australian to play 1st.Division football in England. He played 185 games for Preston North End and appeared in the 1954 F.A.Cup Final, where Preston lost to West Bromwich Albion 2-3.

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Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
10th. May 1947, 15.15			Sydney Cricket Ground, Moore Park, Australia									38312	
Australia..1 v. Union of South Africa..2													
half time, Australia..1 v. Union of South Africa..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Norman Conquest						GK	Jimmy Pickerill				
	RB	James Edward "Joe" Marston						RB	Douglas McCreadie				
	LB	Cec Drummond						LB	Ernie Dowell				
	RH	Dave Coote						RH	Cecil Kurland				
	CH	Alexander "Sonja" Heaney (c)						CH	Harry Naish				
	LH	Lex Gibb		X				LH	Dudley Forbes				
	OR	Ted Drain						OR	Gordon Falconer				
	IR	Jim Cunningham						IR	Horace Smethurst (c)				
	CF	Charlie Stewart						CF	Donald Wilson	87(pk)			
	IL	Reg Date	4					IL	Basil Clack				
	OL	Ray Marshall						OL	Len Anley	65			
Team Coach		Andy Henderson					Team Coach						
Team Manager		N.Gillespie					Team Manager		J.Barbour				
Referee		William McWilliams											
Linesman		W.Chard											
Linesman		H.McLeod											

Sunday Mail, 11/5/1947, page 13

match report from Newcastle Morning Herald, 12/5/1947, page 8

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/98374423>

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/140310335>

The South African Soccer team's 2-1 defeat of Australia at Sydney Cricket Ground in the first of the five Test matches yesterday has caused the team's many critics - myself included - to seek some cover for their confusion. This confusion is caused, as far as I am concerned, by the result rather than by the standard revealed. South Africa deserved victory because, in the game's vital stages, it was the better equipped side. But nothing happened to change an expressed view that South Africa was not playing Australia's best team. Future tests, and team changes now forced on the selectors, will no doubt endorse that opinion.

South Africa played well enough to secure its first Soccer Test success in 26 seasons.

Australia's efforts in the last 20 minutes were relatively weak, whereas the South Africans were able to increase effort, which, if not productive of goals, was good enough to check Australian ambitions. Australia's failure in speed and endeavour would not have been had the players undergone more than a day's preparation. The error must not be repeated. There will be argument for some time about the penalty kick with which South Africa gained victory. Through binoculars, I saw the incident which led to its being awarded. I have no doubt about Mr. McWilliam's decision being correct. Nor have I any doubt about his being correct when he rejected Australia's claims for a penalty a few minutes later. Mr. McWilliams gave an outstanding display of refereeing. There can be no better official in the country.

Australia must reconstruct its right and left flanks. Only A.Heaney, of the half-back line, played well enough to be sure of his place, but D.Coote could perhaps be given another chance. Heaney played well and with thought, being well suited by the space the South African adoption of the third back game gave him. L.Gibb, of Queensland, did fairly well in the first half as did Coote, but both "blew up" badly in the second half.

Gibb will be out of football for a time, as he fractured his collarbone towards the end of the game. Neither winger impressed. Drain, a forward, was not a success and should not be retained.

South Africa was a most evenly balanced side and any weakness was not glaring. It played the right type of Soccer and was never discouraged in the first half, when Australia had things so much its own way.

South Africa's midfield play was sufficiently robust to allow it to often dictate the run of the game and, had it not been for resolute tackling and smart cover work by Drummond and Marston, its goal superiority would have been greater. H.Naish was a better "stopper" than a week before, but only because Australia's wingers were not efficient, so making Naish's work less arduous. Australia can beat South Africa - but only when the selectors go about their task in the right manner, forgetting that they represent clubs or States and remembering that their duty is to nominate a side worthy of representing Australia.

As on the previous Saturday, South Africa mustered its forces in the dressing room at half-time, added to its pace, smartened its ball control and tightened its positional play, made the ball do more work and stood closer to the opposition. These were obvious changes for a losing side to make, but nothing was done to counteract them. Thus, South Africa was as much on top in the important second half as Australia was in the first. Australia had no convincing variation to methods which upset the South Africans in the first half and which, because of repetition, not only become monotonous but most obvious. It was little wonder, then, that South Africa equalised and later went to the front. Even if its winning goal was a penalty, the margin in its favour was correct, according to the run of play.

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Date & Time		Venue					Weather		Temperature		Attendance		
22nd. May 1947, 15.00		Langlands Park, Brisbane, Australia											
Corinthians (Brisbane)..1 v. Australia..10													
half time,													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK							GK	Norman Conquest				
	RB							RB	Joe Marston				
	LB							LB	Cec Drummond				
	RH							RH	Dave Coote				
	CH							CH	William "Billy" Wilson				
	LH							LH	Lex Gibb				
	OR							OR	Charlie Stewart	X, X			
	IR	Jim Cunningham						IR	Alexander "Sonja" Heaney (c)	X			
	CF							CF	Reg Date	X, X, X, X,			
	IL	Herb. Bool						IL	Ronald Hughes	X, X, X			
	OL							OL	Max Wynn				
Team Coach							Team Coach						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

Jim Cunningham was included in the Corinthians side and Herb Bool (Corinthians) were both reserves for the Australian team (2nd. Test)

Queensland Times, 23/5/1947, page 1

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/117671562>

match report from The Courier-Mail, 23/5/1947, page 4S

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/49325935>

Reg Date, Australian centre-forward for the second Soccer Test against South Africa at the Brisbane Cricket Ground to-morrow, was given a try out against third back tactics yesterday.

This type of game, which was adopted successfully by the Springboks in the first Test, will play a big part in to-morrow's game, and the result may depend on Australia's counter to it.

Date's trial took place when the Australian team played a match against Corinthians at Langlands Park yesterday.

The Australian centre was not worried by being closely shadowed by the centre-half, and netted three goals in quick time.

The opposition was admittedly not very strong, but the practice should help Date in his battle of tactics in to-morrow's test.

Australia won the trial by 10 goals to 1, Date getting 4, Hughes 3, Stewart 2, and Heaney one.

The South Africans consider that Date is one of the best centre-forwards they have seen in international matches, and in the first test decided to "bottle him up."

This was done by using third back methods, in which their centre-half, H.Naish, marked Date throughout the game, giving him little chance to shoot for goal.

Though Naish did an excellent job, the Springboks have chosen R.Ferriman for to-morrow's match in his place. Ferriman is heavier than Naish, and the South Africans hope that he will do even better than Naish in keeping Date quiet.

The Australian forwards showed good form in their trial against Corinthians yesterday.

One of the best was A.Heaney, who played centre-half in the first test.

He has a solid drive from either foot, and could easily be a match-winner for Australia, especially if the South Africans concentrate too much on looking after Date.

Australian attack is expected to be much more dangerous than in the first test, as both the inside forwards, Heaney and R.Hughes, are big men, and in this respect will be able to match the Springbok defenders, especially in heading duels.

A great deal will depend on the Australian halves, who include Lex Gibb, the sole Queensland member of the Test team.

If they can give the forwards a good share of the ball, Australia should win.

W.Wilson, who has taken over the centre-half position, showed that he is a player of class in yesterday's trial.

Queenslanders know Gibb's ability and are confident that he can hold such clever forwards as D.Wilson and G.Falconer. His task will be one of the hardest in the side, as both these Springbok forwards are at the top of their form.

copied from www.ozfootball.net , <http://www.rsssf.com/tables/z/zaf-intres4755.html> and additional information from match programme Australia v. South Africa, June 12, 1994

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
24th. May 1947, 15.15			Brisbane Cricket Ground, Woolloongabba, Australia									15000	
Australia..2 v. Union of South Africa..4													
half time, Australia..1 v. Union of South Africa..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Norman Conquest						GK	Jimmy Pickerill				
	RB	James Edward "Joe" Marston						RB	Douglas McCreadie				
	LB	Cec Drummond						LB	Ernie Dowell				
	RH	Dave Coote						RH	Cecil Kurland				
	CH	William "Billy" Wilson						CH	Ray Ferriman				
	LH	Lex Gibb						LH	Dudley Forbes				
	OR	Charlie Stewart						OR	Donald Wilson	X			
	IR	Alexander "Sonja" Heaney						IR	Gordon Falconer				
	CF	Reg Date (c)	X(pk), 80					CF	Basil Clack				
	IL	Ron Hughes						IL	Horace Smethurst (c)	X			
	OL	Max Wynn						OL	Len Anley	X, X			
Team Trainer		Tom Langridge					Team Coach						
Team Manager		J.Revie					Team Manager		J.Barbour				
Referee		Tom Boyd											
Linesman		R.Gregor											
Linesman		J.Evans											

match report from the Sunday Mail, 25/5/1947, page 11

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/de/article/98377056>

Ray Ferriman, the heaviest man in the South African Soccer team, gave a masterly exposition of third back play in the second Soccer test at the Brisbane Cricket Ground yesterday when the Springboks won by 4 goals to 2.

Ferriman, who weighs nearly 15 stone, and is described by his team-mates as a past master at this type of play, never left Reg.Date's elbow throughout the match, and repeatedly drove back strong Australian attacks. Australia might have won the game in the first 20 minutes, but poor shooting lost them at least three goals. Date, the Australian centre, was the most marked man on the ground. Nevertheless, he was easily the most dangerous Australian forward when he was allowed half a chance. His goal late in the second half proved this, when he banged the ball into the net when being tackled by a defender, and in doing so received a bump on the head, which almost knocked him out. Play, was held up while he recovered, but he was "groggy" for the rest of the match.

Third back tactics, together with magnificent goal keeping by Jim Pickerill, played a big part in the Springboks' victory. Eighteen minutes after the interval Date switched from centre forward to inside right, and Hughes, the inside left, went to centre-forward. This move had some success, as it gave Date a respite from the close attendance of Ferriman, and enabled him to score Australia's second goal.

Though South Africa fully deserved its win, the game was much more even than the scores indicate. Australia had most of the play in the first half, but failed to take advantage of the opportunities presented.

The scores were even, 1-all, at half-time, but in the second session the Springboks' great positional play wore down the defence.

Pickerill, the big Springbok goal-keeper, made many great saves, and seemed like a brick wall to the attack. Right on the interval he dealt in masterly fashion with two hot drives by Date at point-blank range.

G.Falconer, South Africa's inside right, frequently rose to great heights. On one occasion he astounded the crowd by beating four opponents in succession with his body swerve and finished up by giving Conquest, the Australian goal-keeper, a hot drive to save. H.Smethurst, the captain, also played grand football. Lex Gibb, the sole Queenslander in the Australian team, lived up to his reputation, and was easily the best of the middle line. He made few errors, and his distribution of the ball was well up to international standard. With the exception of Date, the Australian attack was not impressive, but they were up against a solid defence, and their task in the second half was made harder by poor service from half-backs W.Wilson and D.Coote, whose passes were often astray. Norm.Conquest, the Australian goal-keeper, could not be blamed for any of the goals. He stopped many hard drives, and saved two shots in succession by diving full length during an attack by the Springboks in the first half, when they forced three corner kicks.

Both Australian full-backs, J.Marston and C.Drummond, played hard, solid football against very clever opposition. It was estimated that about 15,000 people saw the game.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
29th. May 1947,			Sydney Cricket Ground No.2, Moore Park, Australia										
The Rest..3 v. Australia..7													
half time,													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Charlie Corfield (Leichhardt-Annandale)						GK					
	LB	Jack "Jock" Parkes (Leichhardt-Annandale)						LB	Cec Drummond				
		Len Stedman (Leichhardt-Annandale)											
		Les Hankin (Leichhardt-Annandale)											
		Robert "Bob" Lawrie (Leichhardt-Annandale)	X										
		Ray Marshall (Granville)	X					OR	Ernest "Dick" Kemp	X			
									Jim Cunningham	X			
								CF	Reg Date (c)	X, X, X, X			
		Max Wynn	X						Max Wynn	X			
Team Coach							Team Coach		Tom Langridge				
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

For a photograph taken during the game refer to The Sydney Morning Herald, 30/5/1947, page 10 of 21 (www.trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/27900429)

Max Wynn played for the Australian team and The Rest.

from an article in The Newcastle Sun, 27/5/1947, page 11 (<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/157759435>) six players - Charlie Corfield, "Jock" Parkes, Len Stedman, Les hankin, Bob Lawrie and Ray Marshall - were chosen last night to help the Australian team in training.

They will be the nucleus of a side to play at the S.C.G. on Thursday. After the trial match, the Australian Test team will be chosen.

The six players chosen last night will not be considered for Test selection unless a member of the training squad is injured.

match report from The Newcastle Sun, 29/5/1947, page 19

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/157764421>

Diminutive right winger, Dick Kemp, played so well in soccer trials at the Sydney Cricket Ground today that he won a place in the Australian Test team to play South Africa at the Showground on Saturday.

The selectors made two changes from the team that was beaten 4-2 in the second Test in Brisbane last Saturday.

Dick Kemp and Jimmy Cunningham replace Dave Coote and Charlie Stewart.

Alec Heaney has been moved from inside right to left half-back. This is the fourth position Heaney has played in four matches against the South Africans.

He played centre half for N.S.W., inside right in the first Test and inside left in the second Test. (should be inside left for N.S.W., centre half in the first Test and inside right in the second Test).

Lex Gibb was transferred from left to right half.

Kemp overshadowed other wingers in the trial match today. His passing from the wing and corner kicks were always in front of goal, giving the inside forwards easy scoring chances.

Kemp is 5ft. 4in. And he weighs 10 stone, but what he lacks in size he makes up for in skill.

Cec Drummond is in the team subject to medical examination. He injured his knee in the second Test and the injury has been troubling him all week. He will be examined tomorrow and if he is not passed fit Hedley

Parkes will come into the team as left full-back.

In today's trial the Test side beat The Rest by seven goals to three, but it was not a hard game.

Scores: Test Side 7 (R.Date 4, M.Wynn, E.Kemp, J.Cunningham) beat The Rest 3 (R.Marshall, B.Lawrie, M.Wynn).

copied from www.ozfootball.net , <http://www.rsssf.com/tables/zaf-intres4755.html> and additional information from match programme Australia v. South Africa, June 12, 1994

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
31st. May 1947, 15.15			Sydney Cricket Ground, Moore Park, Australia									20000	
Australia..3 v. South Africa..3													
half time, Australia..1 v. South Africa..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Norman Conquest						GK	Jimmy Pickerill				
	RB	James Edward "Joe" Marston						RB	Ron Nicholson				
	LB	Cec Drummond						LB	Ernie Dowell				
	RH	Lex Gibb						RH	Cecil Kurland				
	CH	William "Billy" Wilson						CH	Harry Naish				
	LH	Alexander "Sonja" Heaney						LH	Dudley Forbes				
	OR	Ernest "Dick" Kemp						OR	Gordon Falconer				
	IR	Jim Cunningham	X					IR	Horace Smethurst (c)	85			
	CF	Reg Date (c)	X, 75					CF	Donald Wilson				
	IL	Ron Hughes						IL	John Claassens	20, 80			
	OL	Max Wynn						OL	Len Anley				
Team Trainer		Tom Langridge					Team Coach						
Team Manager		S.L.Plaud					Team Manager		J.Barbour				
Referee		William McWilliams											
Linesman		Frank Chidgey											
Linesman		Harry Spowall											

Newcastle Morning Herald, 2/6/1947, page 10

match report from the Sunday Mail, 1/6/1947, page 13

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/140325023>

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/98319352>

In one of the most thrilling matches Sydney had seen, Australia and South Africa drew - 3 all - in the third Soccer Test to-day. South Africa scored after 20 minutes' play. Len Anley dribbled the ball down the wing, centred to Classens, who gave Conquest no chance to save. South Africa. 1-0.

Australia equalised the score minutes before half-time. Watson started a move, and the ball travelled fast downfield. Pickerill gave a corner to save. From the resultant corner kick the ball went into the open, and Jimmy Cunningham scored in the left-hand corner of the net.

Date was next to score for Australia. He perfectly timed a header from a corner kick, and the ball was in the net before the giant South African goalkeeper had a chance to save. Australia 2-1.

With 15 minutes left for play Date scored his second goal, and Australia led 3-1.

South Africa fought back, and scored with 10 minutes left for play. Australia 3, South Africa 2.

Five minutes before full-time South Africa made the scores 3- all. An Australian player walked away when he thought the ball had gone out of play, and Don.Wilson took advantage of the opportunity, and centred to Smethurst. The Springbok captain kicked into the net in a scrimmage.

copied from www.ozfootball.net and additional information from match programme Australia v. South Africa June 12, 1994

Date & Time				Venue				Weather				Temperature		Attendance	
7th. June 1947, 15.15				Newcastle Sports Ground, Newcastle, Australia										18442	
Australia..5 v. South Africa..1															
half time, Australia..1 v. South Africa..0															
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)		
START LIST															
	GK	Norman Conquest						GK	Claude Brink						
	RB	James Edward "Joe" Marston						RB	Doug McCreddie						
	LB	Cec Drummond						LB	Ron Nicholson						
	RH	Lex Gibb						RH	Cecil Kurland						
	CH	Alexander "Sonja" Heaney (c)						CH	Harry Naish						
	LH	Robert Murray						LH	Dudley Forbes						
	OR	Ernest "Dick" Kemp	X					OR	Donald Wilson	X					
	IR	Reg Date	X, X, 84					IR	Gordon Falconer						
	CF	Ron Hughes	X					CF	John Claassens						
	IL	Jim Cunningham						IL	Horace Smethurst (c)						
	OL	Max Wynn						OL	Len Anley						
Team Trainer		Tom Langridge					Team Coach								
Team Manager		T.Lovett					Team Manager		J.Barbour						
Referee		William McWilliams													
Linesman		H.Parker													
Linesman		M.Brown													

Alexander Heaney (refer Newcastle Library Cultural Collections) is also shown as Alec Heaney.

Despite assurances the previous day by the manager of the South African side (Mr.James Barbour), South Africa were greatly handicapped for this match by the absence through injuries of goalkeeper J.Pickerill, and full-back E.Dowell. (refer The Sydney Morning Herald, 9/6/1947, page 9 <http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/27901114>)

The Newcastle Sun, 7/6/1947, page 6 <http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/157761909/16717878>

match report from the Newcastle Morning Herald, 9/6/1947, page 10 <http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/140309365>

By defeating South Africa 5-1 - a well merited and just margin - in the fourth Soccer Test at Newcastle Sports Ground on Saturday, Australia has kept the series alive.

If Australia wins the fifth Test the rubber will be divided. Australia has retained the winning team, with a slightly different formation, for next Saturday's Test Australia won well, after South Africa equalised at 1-all, almost as soon as the second half began. Its victory in the end was crushing. South Africa was beaten in the second half at its own game - positional play. The weakness of its third back game was also thoroughly revealed. The only change in the Australian team for the Test next Saturday is in the position in the forward line. The attack will line up for Saturday's match as it finished last Saturday. Date will play centre-forward instead of inside-right, his selected position in the fourth Test. Hughes will be inside left instead of centre-forward, and Cunningham will play inside-right, instead of inside left. This, on Saturday's form, is a much more convincing distribution of Australia's main attacking force.

Factors in the Australian success were -

- It was, at last, a well conditioned side, much better equipped physically.
- It had found a convincing counter to South Africa's third back game. It had to do with bottling up of the opposition wing half-backs.
- It was a side that not only matched the great pace South Africa set from the start, but which was, when South Africa faltered in the second half, able itself to accelerate.
- For a change Australia played as a team.
- It had the best forward seen in Australia for many years, R.Date. He is a magnificent driving force and a match winner in any side.

The match proved these important things -

1. It is futile to expect an Australian side to compete evenly with oversea teams unless players acquire peak physical fitness before playing in the first Test. The Australians did not reach that peak until last week.
2. The third back game, while necessary to the advancement of Australian Soccer, can be beaten.

Just how great a part the slippery cricket pitch played in subduing South Africa's wing half-backs I am not prepared to say. The South Africans say it was considerable, The fact remains, that South Africa's attacks were not as convincing. It was surely more than coincidence that the two flank half-backs who usually organise the Springboks' assaults were, instead of being on preparatory work, floundering in the mud on the pitch. Now that evidence has been so convincingly presented to the Australian team of what can be done when these players are checked, there is no reason, why they should not be further held in thrall next Saturday.

Gibb and Murray. disappointing in Saturday's first half, learned their lesson in that time, and in the second half blotted Kurland and Forbes out of the picture. That is the real reason why South Africa failed to produce its second half "blitz."

At one stage Australia had such complete command in the first half that it was surprising its half-time lead was only 1-nil-and that from a disputed penalty. When South Africa equalised soon after the second half had begun, Australia's stocks slumped a little, but it was not long after that reverse that Australia became the dominant force. South Africa's customary fight back in the last 15 minutes was missing. The Australians not only beat the South Africans to the ball, but also beat them at their own game-positional play. One has come to expect so many big things from Date that his brilliance was no surprise. Of the forwards, Cunningham was behind almost every attack. He generally demonstrated his clear grasp of every aspect of forward play. The Australian wingers, M.Wynn and E.Kemp, more than counterbalanced, over the whole game, some of their weaknesses in the first half. Hughes's hustle and robust thrusts were of great value to Australia's cause. Heaney scarcely placed a foot wrong in defence, his headwork was most accurate, and his ability to open the game made a great difference to the Australian side. Gibb and Murray, his wing half-backs, wiped out the uneasiness they caused by their hesitancy in the first half by as tight an exposition of correct half-back play as seen for a long time. The score is the best tribute to the defence, Conquest, Marston and Drummond. Drummond has been the most consistent player in the series. The inability of the South African half-backs to give the forwards their customary chances upset the rhythm of attacking play, and in the end the forward line lost positional sense and its ball control slipped badly. The forwards, except Smethurst, who played brilliantly, insisted on dallying when a first-time shot might have succeeded.

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Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
14th. June 1947, 14.45			Royal Agricultural Ground, Moore Park, Australia (Sydney Showground)										
Australia..1 v. South Africa..2													
half time, Australia..0 v. South Africa..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Norman Conquest						GK	Charlie Brink				
	RB	Cec Drummond						RB	Harry Naish				
	LB	James Edward "Joe" Marston						LB	Ron Nicholson				
	RH	Lex Gibb						RH	Cecil Kurland				
	CH	Bill Wilson						CH	Ray Ferriman				
	LH	Robert Murray						LH	Dudley Forbes				
	OR	Ernest "Dick" Kemp						OR	Donald Wilson				
	IR	Jim Cunningham	73					IR	Gordon Falconer				
	CF	Reg Date						CF	Basil Clack				
	IL	Ron Hughes						IL	Horace Smethurst (c)				
	OL	Max Wynn						OL	Len Anley	7, 70			
Team Trainer		Tom Langridge					Team Coach						
Team Manager		A.Burton					Team Manager		J.Barbour				
Referee		William McWilliams											
Linesman		H.McLeod											
Linesman		W.Chard											

Newcastle Morning Herald, 16/6/1947, page 10

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/140318944>

match report from the Sunday Mail, 15/6/1947, page 13

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/98313258>

SYDNEY, Saturday. - In one of the roughest Soccer test matches played in Sydney, South Africa beat Australia 2-1 at the showground to-day to take the Soccer ashes.

It was South Africa's third win in five Test matches, Australia winning one and the other being drawn.

Highlights of to-day's game were:-

Australian captain, Reg Tate, was carried off with a badly jarred ankle 15 minutes before half-time. After ambulance treatment he was able to play in the second half.

The Springboks were penalised dozens of times for illegal tackling and rough play. Springbok right half, Dudley Forbes, was reprimanded for attempting to throw a punch at an Australian forward.

Springbok full-back, Doug McCreadie, who did not play today, was asked by referee W. McWilliams to leave the field when he went behind to watch the game. Play was held up for several minutes.

Springboks questioned McWilliams' decision when Jimmy Cunningham scored for Australia in the second half, claiming that Cunningham was yards off-side.

Basil Clack was cautioned by McWilliams for rough play when he hampered Australian goal-keeper Norm Conquest.

The Springboks' win was its first in a Test series, and it was the first time Australia had lost the Soccer ashes for 22 years.

Czechoslovakia was the last team to beat Australia in a Test series, in 1925.

SCORERS— For South Africa: L. Anley (2), for Australia: J. Cunningham

The South Africans had a series of challenge matches in addition to the test matches. The results of those games were:-

19th.April 1947 Western Australia..2 v. Union of South Africa..12 at Subiaco Oval, Subiaco, Western Australia kick-off 15.30, Attendance.. 9,393
3rd.May 1947 New South Wales..4 v. Union of South Africa..5 at the Sydney Cricket Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, NSW
7th.May 1947 South Coast..1 v. Union of South Africa..2 at the Wollongong Show Ground, Wollongong, NSW, Attendance..5,524
13th.May 1947 Northern Districts..1 v. Union of South Africa..5 at the Cessnock Sports Ground, Cessnock, NSW, Attendance..
17th.May 1947 Queensland..1 v. Union of South Africa..10 at the Brisbane Cricket Ground, Brisbane, Queensland
21st.May 1947 Brisbane..1 v. Union of South Africa..9 at the Brisbane Exhibition Ground No.1, Brisbane, Queensland kick-off..20.00
27th.May 1947 Ipswich..0 v. Union of South Africa..5 at the North Ipswich Reserve, Ipswich, Queensland Attendance..2,000
4th.June 1947 Northern Districts..1 v. Union of South Africa..3 at the Newcastle Sports Ground, Newcastle, NSW
11th.June 1947 South Coast..0 v. Union of South Africa..2 at the Bulli Football Ground, Woonona, NSW
16th.June 1947 New South Wales..1 v. Union of South Africa..2 at Henson Park, Marrickville, Sydney, NSW

South Africa then proceeded to New Zealand. Games included:-

21st.June 1947 Auckland..3 v. Union of South Africa..3 at Auckland, New Zealand
25th.June 1947 Wellington..1 v. Union of South Africa..7 at Wellington, New Zealand
28th.June 1947 New Zealand..5 v. Union of South Africa..6 at Lancaster Park, Christchurch, New Zealand
5th.July 1947 New Zealand..0 v. Union of South Africa..6 at Carisbrook Stadium, Dunedin, New Zealand
12th.July 1947 New Zealand..3 v. Union of South Africa..8 at Athletic Park, Wellington, New Zealand
19th.July 1947 New Zealand..1 v. Union of South Africa..4 at Eden Park, Auckland, New Zealand

Returning to Australia the South African team played a further six games.

26th.July 1947 Northern Districts..2 v. Union of South Africa..1 at New Lambton Oval, Newcastle, NSW
30th.July 1947 Goulburn..0 v. Union of South Africa..9 at Goulburn Sports Ground, Goulburn, NSW
2nd.August 1947 Victoria..0 v. Union of South Africa..4 at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, Melbourne, Victoria
6th.August 1947 South Australia..0 v. Union of South Africa..8 at the Alberton Oval, Adelaide, South Australia
9th.August 1947 South Australia..0 v. Union of South Africa..7 at the Alberton Oval, Adelaide, South Australia
16th.August 1947 Lithgow District..0 v. Union of South Africa..7 at the Lithgow Showground, Lithgow, NSW

The game versus Broken Hill, scheduled for 13th.August 1947, was postponed due to the lack of transport. Despite hopes that the game be played later in the month, it never happened.

1948

Prior to the announcement of the Australian team to tour New Zealand an interstate carnival was held

12th.June 1948 Northern Districts..3 v. Rest of Australia..6 at the New Lambton Oval, Newcastle, NSW kick-off 13.30
(note:- the Rest of Australia team was also advertised as an Australian XI in the Newcastle Morning Herald, 11/6/1948, page 6 and was called The Rest in The Sydney Morning Herald general sports results, 14/6/1948, page 7. Harry Hetherington's "History of Soccer in Northern NSW" has the team as an Australian XI.)

12th.June 1948 New South Wales..4 v. Queensland..0 at The New Lambton Oval, Newcastle, NSW kick-off 15.00 - Referee..B.Hughes; Linesmen..T.McIntyre, A.Welsh.
(Scorers:- NSW.. A.Quill 2, R.Hughes 2)

13th.June 1948 The Rest..5 v. Australian XI..2 at the Crystal Palace Ground, Wallsend, NSW

14th.June 1948 Sydney Metropolitan..5 v. Australian XI..5 at the Sydney Cricket Ground No.2, Moore Park, Sydney, NSW kick off 13.15
(note:- the Australian XI was called The Rest in the Sydney Morning Herald general sport details, 15/6/1948, page 8. Harry Hetherington's "History of Soccer in Northern NSW" has the team as an Australian XI.)

14th.June 1948 New South Wales..11 v. Queensland..2 at the Sydney Cricket Ground No.2, Moore Park, Sydney, NSW kick off 15.00
[Scorers:- NSW.. F.Parsons 7, A.Johns 2, R.Hughes, R.Marshall; Queensland.. G.Nunn 2 (one from a penalty kick)]

After these games the selectors chose 16 players to make the tour of New Zealand.

information from "History of Soccer in Northern NSW" by Harry Hetherington (volume 6-18)

Date & Time				Venue				Weather				Temperature		Attendance	
12th. June 1948, 13.30				New Lambton Oval, Newcastle, Australia											
Northern Districts..3 v. Australian XI..6															
half time,															
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)		
START LIST															
	GK	Dave Bone (West Wallsend)						GK	Alan Gravell (Victoria)						
	RB	Cliffe Smith (Lysaghts Orb)						RB	Tom Jackson (South Australia)						
	LB	Ray Atkinson (Lake Macquarie)						LB	Cec Drummond (Metters)						
	RH	Ken McLennan (Cessnock)						RH	Wal Robbins (Queensland)						
	CH	Ernest "Smoke" Screen (Adamstown)						CH	Bob Lawrie (South Australia)						
	LH	Dave Williams (Adamstown)						LH	Angus Drennan (Victoria)						
	OR	Ernest "Dick" Kemp (Lake Macquarie)	X					OR	A.Deed (South Australia)	X					
	IR	Col Johnston (West Wallsend)	X, X					IR	Reg Date (N.S.W.)	X, X					
	CF	Jack Drinkwater (Cessnock)						CF	Les. Gilbert (Victoria)	X, X					
	IL	Len "Bruiser" Jones (Swan Belmont)						IL	Tom Iredale (N.S.W.)	X					
	OL	Ken Anderson (Lake Macquarie)						OL	Bob Gallagher (N.S.W.)						
Team Coach							Team Coach								
Team Manager							Team Manager								
Referee		Harold S.Parker													
Linesman		G.Atkinson													
Linesman		E.Heath													

Harry Hetherington's "History of Soccer in Northern NSW" has the score as Northern Districts..2 v. Australian XI..7, with the scorers for Northern Districts as J.Drinkwater and Len Jones.

information from "History of Soccer in Northern NSW" by Harry Hetherington (volume 6-18)

Date & Time		Venue					Weather		Temperature		Attendance		
13th. June 1948,		Crystal Palace Ground, Wallsend, Australia					Heavy ground						
The Rest..5 v. Australian XI..2													
half time,													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Len Falk (N.S.W.)					GK	Alan Gravell (Victoria)					
	RB	Alec Duncan (Queensland)					RB	Tom Jackson (South Australia)					
	LB	Kevin O'Neill (N.S.W.)					LB	Cec Drummond (Metters)					
	RH	Bob Lawrie (South Australia)					RH	Dave Coote (N.S.W.)					
	CH	William Wilson (N.S.W.)					CH	Les. Gilbert (Victoria)					
	LH	C.Brennan (Victoria)					LH	Ernest "Dick" Kemp (N.S.W.)					
	OR	Morris Dawes (Queensland)					OR	Tom Iredale (N.S.W.)					
	IR	Wal Robbins (Queensland)					IR	Herb. Bool (Queensland)	X				
	CF	Gordon "Bunny" Nunn (Queensland)	X, X, X, X, X				CF	Ted Drain (N.S.W.)					
	IL	Ron Hughes (N.S.W.)					IL	Ray Marshall (N.S.W.)	X				
	OL	William Cansick (Queensland)					OL	Lex Gibb (Queensland)					
Team Coach							Team Coach						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		W.McWilliams											
Linesman		H.Parker											
Linesman		T.McIntyre											

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 14/6/1948, page 7

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/18074377>

Queensland centre-forward, G. Nunn, who failed to impress against New South Wales on Saturday, scored five goals for The Rest against Australia in an international trial match here today.

Nunn, who plays for the St. Helens Club in the Brisbane first division, gave a polished display on a heavy ground.

Nunn appears certain of selection for the New Zealand tour, as many of the matches in that country will be played on heavy turf.

Spectators criticised the Australian selectors for including only 10 New South Welshmen in the trial match.

Many of the visitors from other States played badly.

State directors, at a special meeting, transferred international Alec Heaney from Lake Macquarie to Swansea-Belmont for a fee of £30.

The Australian selectors immediately included Heaney in The Rest team to meet South at Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2 tomorrow.

The selectors have continually refused to include Heaney in State matches until he appeared with a club.

information from "History of Soccer in Northern NSW" by Harry Hetherington (volume 6-18)

Date & Time			Venue				Weather		Temperature		Attendance		
14th. June 1948, 13.15			Sydney Cricket Ground No.2, Moore Park, Australia										
Sydney Metropolitan XI..5 v. Australian XI..5													
half time,													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	G.Thompson (Granville)						GK	Alan Gravell (Victoria)				
	RB	J.Cotter (NSW Police)						RB	Dave Coote (N.S.W.)				
		Jock Parkes											
	LB	(Leichhardt Annandale)						LB	Tom Jackson (South Australia)				
	RH	J.Gordon (Woonona Bulli)						RH	Kevin O'Neill (N.S.W.)				
	CH	John "Wagga" Wallace (Metters)						CH	Bob Lawrie (South Australia)				
		Ray Ridley											
	LH	(Leichhardt Annandale)						LH	Angus Drennan (Victoria)				
	OR	Charlie Stewart (Woonona Bulli)						OR	Ernest "Dick" Kemp (N.S.W.)				
	IR	Tom Iredale (Metters)	X					IR	Jim Cunningham (N.S.W.)	X			
	CF	Trevor Mossman (Drummoyne)	X, X					CF	Les. Gilbert (Victoria)	X, X			
	IL	Ted Drain (Woonona Bulli)						IL	Alec Donsky (Queensland)	X			
		Harry Robertson											
	OL	(Leichhardt Annandale)	X, X					OL	George Sanders (N.S.W.)	X			
Team Coach							Team Coach						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		S.Thorpe											
Linesman													
Linesman													

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Date & Time			Venue				Weather				Temperature		Attendance	
4th. August 1948,			Rugby Park, Hamilton, New Zealand											
South Auckland (New Zealand)..0 v. Australia..6														
half time, South Auckland..0 v. Australia..2														
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	
START LIST														
	GK	Gordon						GK	Ken Hough					
	RB	Garick						RB	Joe Marston					
	LB	J.Gill	10(og)					LB	Cecil Drummond (c)					
	RH							RH	Lex Gibb					
	CH							CH	William Wilson					
	LH	J.Espie						LH	Angus Drennan					
	OR							OR	Jack Hodge					
	IR							IR	Jim Cunningham	X, X				
	CF							CF	Gordon "Bunny" Nunn	X, X				
	IL							IL	Ron Hughes	X				
	OL							OL	William Cansick					
Team Coach							Team Coach							
Team Manager							Team Managers		J.O.Wilshaw					
Referee		T.Chalklen							H.Armstrong					
Linesman														
Linesman							Squad List		Goalkeepers		K.Hough (Drummoyne, N.S.W.)			
											A.Gravell (University, Melbourne, Vic.)			
									Fullbacks		J.Marston (Leichhardt-Annandale, N.S.W.)			
											C.Drummond (c) (Metters, N.S.W.)			
											A.Duncan (Easts, Brisbane, Queensland)			
									Half-backs		L.Gibb (Corinthians, Brisbane, Queensland)			
											R.Lawrie (vice captain) (Sturt, S.A.)			
											W.Wilson (Canterbury-Bankstown, N.S.W.)			
											A.Drennan (Sunshine United, Vic.)			
									Forwards		J.Hodge (West Wallsend, N.S.W.)			
											J.Cunningham (Woonoona-Bulli, N.S.W.)			
											G.Nunn (St.Helens, Brisbane, Queensland)			
											F.Parsons (Leichhardt-Annandale, N.S.W.)			
											R.Hughes (Canterbury-Bankstown, N.S.W.)			
											W.Cansick (Thistle, Brisbane, Queensland)			
											A.J.Johns (Adamstown, N.S.W.)			

(note:- Barry Smith has the South Auckland team as Auckland Province)

J.Gill is recorded as scoring an "own goal" in the Waikato Times (5/8/1948) and The Weekly News (11/8/1948).

match report from the Sydney Morning Herald, 5/8/1948, page 6 <http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/18080284>

The Australian Soccer team to-day opened its New Zealand tour with a 6-0 win over South Auckland, at Hamilton.

The visitors were faster and showed better positional play than the locals.

Goal-kickers were: Cunningham (2), Nunn (2). Hughes (1), and a defender one.

match report from the New Zealand Herald, 5/8/1948

Playing well within itself, the Australian Soccer team opened its New Zealand tour with a comfortable win over South Auckland at Hamilton today by 6 goals to 0. The visitors showed faster and better positional play than the local side, which wilted as Australia swung the play from wing to wing.

The Australian goalkeeper, K.Hough, who handled safely and placed some of his clearances over the half-way line, played a game reminiscent of C.R.Brink, of South Africa. The fullbacks, J.Marston and C.Drummond, proved hard to pass. Marston played particularly well and may develop into one of the best backs to visit the Dominion. The half-back line of L.Gibb, W.Wilson and A.Drennan was a dominant factor in the side's clever positional play, never losing contact with its forwards and covering its opponents thoroughly.

The positional play of the forwards was outstanding. The left wing, W.Cansick, was more prominent than J.Hodge, on the right, and pleased the crowd by his bewildering combination with R.Hughes and Drennan.

G.Nunn, in the centre, was always aggressive and distributed the play well.

The ground passing of the Australians was good, while their directional heading baffled their opponents. The last quarter of an hour of play produced a great exhibition of inter-passing, with the visitors not slow to pass the ball back to the goalkeeper.

Gordon performed well in goal for South Auckland, but had no chance with the shots that beat him. The fullbacks, Garrick and Gill, crowded too much into goal. As a result Espie, at left half, had to fall back, thus leaving a gap, and only his strong play repelled many dangerous attacks. The slowness of the halfbacks allowed the Australians to intercept many passes and the forwards lost opportunities through poor combination. Cunningham (2), Nunn (2), Hughes and a defender scored for Australia.

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Date & Time		Venue		Weather		Temperature		Attendance					
7th. August 1948,		Blandford Park, Auckland, New Zealand						6000					
Auckland (New Zealand)..0 v. Australia..5													
half time, Auckland..0 v. Australia..2													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
2	GK	Robert King						GK	Ken Hough				
	RB	Raymond Hodgson						RB	Joe Marston				
	LB	T.Valentine						LB	Cecil Drummond				
	RH	O.C.Cleal						RH	Robert Lawrie				
	CH	Gisby						CH	William Wilson				
	LH	Howard Hutchinson	X(og)					LH	Lex Gibb		X		
	OR	H.Moyle						OR	Jack Hodge				
	IR	Grey						IR	Jim Cunningham	X			
	CF	A.Wilkinson						CF	Frank Parsons	X, X			
	IL	Fleet						IL	Ron Hughes				
	OL	A.Blackie						OL	Allan James Johns	X			
SUBSTITUTES													
								LH	Angus Drennan				X
Team Coach							Team Coach						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		F.O.Green											
Linesman													
Linesman													

Hutchinson is recorded as scoring an "own goal" in the Auckland Star [8pm edition] (7/8/1948).

match report from the Newcastle Morning Herald, 9/8/1948, page 4 <http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/140350125>

The Australian Soccer team won the second match of its tour by defeating Auckland 5-nil, after leading 2-nil at half-time.

Australia was too good from the start and probably could have scored more goals had they been required. It was much the faster team and played on a ground which, hard and fast, suited it.

Australia's scorers were - F.Parsons 2, A.Johns, J.Cunningham and a defender who kicked through his own goal.

match report from the New Zealand Herald, 9/8/1948

Brilliant ground passing, clever directional heading, and accurate positional play enabled the Australian Soccer team to beat Auckland at Blandford Park on Saturday by five goals to nil. This is the biggest margin any overseas team has had against Auckland. There was speed and sparkle in the Australians' play that pleased a crowd of about 7000.

Auckland at times raised the hopes of its supporters with concerted movements which had the Australian defence, good as it was, troubled, but mis-kicking or failure to shoot at the vital moment enabled the visitors to clear. Three balls were used in the game and immediately one went out of play another was ready to be thrown in. This speeded up the game and many times caught the Auckland players with their backs to the throw-in, Australia thus initiated an attack with the local players out of position.

The Australian, tall 15st goalkeeper Hough earned applause for some clever saves, but the Auckland forwards hustled him into a couple of errors which should have proved costly. The fullbacks, Marston and Drummond, gave a most intelligent display, their clearances both in the air and on the ground seldom failing to find a support in a position to stage a counter-attack. The middle line did a lot of work with little running about, its perfect understanding and swift changing of attack being a feature of the play.

Lawrie, on the right, was a clever tackler. His ground passing was an inspiration to Aucklanders who saw the ball flash ahead of the forward already in his stride, while his headwork was sound. Wilson, in the centre, directed attacks with sound judgment. While keeping a close watch on the Auckland forwards he was not adverse to having a shot at goal when he had taken the attack upfield. L.Gibb employed clever footwork to stem Auckland raids on the right, while his understanding with his forwards was excellent. Just before half-time he pulled a muscle and was replaced by Drennan, who played an equally sound game.

The forward line gave a fine exhibition of positional play and was aggressive throughout. Parsons, in the centre, left little doubt about his success in approaching the peak in Australian State goal scoring. His distribution of the ball and quick recovery for the return were object lessons to the Auckland centre-forwards. Strong support was given by the inside men, Cunningham and Hughes, whose clever footwork and elusive play harassed the defence. Unlike the Aucklanders, they did not wait to get inside the goal area before shooting. The quick transfer of play to the opposite wing when danger threatened was also a feature of the inside forwards' play.

On the wings Hodge and Johns kept to the sidelines and, always on the move, were in their stride ready to take the ball sent ahead of them at top speed. The combination of Hodge, Cunningham and Parsons in scoring the first goal after three minutes' play was dazzling. On the left wing Johns, who is an inside forward. Played a splendid game, and his goal from an acute stamped him as a deadly opportunist. King, in the Auckland goal, had little chance with the shots that beat him and made some clever saves under pressure. Auckland has not been better served than by the fullbacks, Valentine and Hodgson, whose task was made harder by the halfbacks' failure to play other than an individual game. Several times Valentine was faced with covering the Australian left wing, inside left, and centre-forward. At another stage in supporting Hodgson, he had to cross over and tackle the visitor's right wing which he did successfully.

The middle line was unbalanced and lacked understanding. Gisby, a versatile and aggressive but roving type of centre-half, expended his usual amount of energy and broke up some dangerous movements down the centre. He left the right position too often unguarded. Cleal has been seen to better advantage in the third back game, which he attempted to play. He left the opposing centre-forward too frequently and was inclined to crowd his backs. Hutchinson, on the left, was sound individually, but lacked support. Fleet and Grey, the inside forwards, worked hard. Many of the movements they initiated went astray through mis-kicking or failure of the other forwards to get off the mark quickly enough.

Moyle, on the right wing, made some good moves. However, he was often caught flat-footed when Grey, after drawing the defence, sent a pass ahead of him. On the left wing Blackie, in the first half, appeared to suffer from "stage fright," and improved little in the second spell. Although Fleet gave him many opportunities. The weakness of the wings gave Wilkinson in the centre a hard time, and with the Australian defence closely attending him, he had little scope to be dangerous.

The scorers for Australia were Parsons (2), Cunningham, Johns and a defender. Mr.F.O.Green was referee.

The Australian team left Auckland by train last night for Palmerston North. The next match of its tour will be against the Minor Associations on Wednesday.

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Date & Time		Venue					Weather		Temperature		Attendance		
11th. August 1948,		Showgrounds, Palmerston North, New Zealand											
North Island Minor Associations (New Zealand)..1 v. Australia..6													
half time,													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Stewart (Wanganui)						GK	Alan Gravel				
	RB	Hopkinson (Taranaki)						RB	Joe Marston				
	LB	Steel (Taranaki)						LB	Alec Duncan				
	RH	Thomas Methven (Manawatu)						RH	Robert Lawrie				
	CH	S.Nimmo (Wanganui)						CH	William Wilson				
	LH	Griffin (Manawatu)						LH	Angus Drennen				
	OR	Mutimer (Wanganui)						OR	Jack Hodge	X			
	IR	Scott (Wanganui)						IR	Jim Cunningham				
	CF	Desmond Warman	X					CF	Gordon Nunn	X, X			
	IL	John Kidd (c) (Wanganui)						IL	Allan James Johns	X, X, X			
	OL	A.Kidd (Wanganui)						OL	Wal. Cansick				
Team Coach							Team Coach						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		A.M.Thomson											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from the New Zealand Herald, 12/8/1948

With superior combination and almost perfect positional play and more finish of movement, the touring Australian Soccer team swept through the Minor Associations (Manawatu, Taranaki and Wanganui) to beat them by 6 goals to 1 at the Show Grounds, Palmerston North, today.

The Australians showed remarkable speed and anticipatory ability and, although the first half of the game was fairly even, they had all their own way in the second. Australia's goals were scored by Johns (3), Nunn (2), and Hodge. Warman scored for the Minor Associations.

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Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
14th. August 1948,			Basin Reserve, Wellington, New Zealand									4000	
New Zealand..0 v. Australia..6													
half time, New Zealand..0 v. Australia..3													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
1	GK	Robert King						GK	Ken Hough				
2	RB	Patrick Harris						RB	Joe Marston				
3	LB	Raymond Hodgson						LB	Cecil Drummond (c)				
5	RH	David McKissock						RH	Robert Lawrie				
6	CH	Victor Smith						CH	William Wilson				
9	LH	Howard Hutchinson (c)						LH	Lex Gibb				
4	OR	John Sharp						OR	Jack Hodge				
7	IR	Brian Sergeant						IR	Jim Cunningham	X			
8	CF	Gordon Smith						CF	Frank Parsons	X, X, X			
10	IL	John Kidd						IL	Ron Hughes	X, X			
11	OL	Roger Smith						OL	Allan James Johns				
Team Coach		T.Dick					Team Coach						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		V.Wheeler											
Linesman													
Linesman													

The Wellington Dominion Post has Patrick Harris as A.W.Harris.

The Newcastle Morning Herald, 16/8/1948, page 3 (<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/140346993>) and The Sydney Morning Herald, 16/8/1948, page 5 (<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/18081484>) has the scorers R.Hughes (3), Parsons two and J.Cunningham one.

match report from the Wellington Dominion Post, 16/8/1948

The Australian soccer team improved its touring goal average by beating New Zealand 6-0 in the first test match at the Basin Reserve on Saturday.

The tourists proved themselves a grand side, and, given a fast ground that had been rolled and mown, they played soccer reminiscent of that of the South Africans last year.

The weather was ideal and about 4000 spectators attended including the Governor-General, Sir Bernard Freyberg, V.C., the Prime Minister, Mr.Fraser, and other Ministers.

New Zealand was outplayed in every branch of the game, except goalkeeping.

A margin of six goals was a conservative indication of the difference between the teams. The visitors had cohesion, confidence, speed and virility, which, with their youth, stamped them as the makings of an excellent combination to tour South Africa next year. They mingled science with energy.

The match was contested in the finest spirit, though the Australians observe the rule that a goalkeeper in possession may be charged, whereas in Wellington some referees blow their whistle for this.

The Australian passing was neat and quick; at ground level through openings just wide enough; and only when necessary was the ball lifted in powerful long-range kicks, usually as accurate as the shorter ones. In jumping for the ball, the visitors got good height, and headed with precision.

The display showed only on a few occasions in the second half, the possibilities of real test quality in the New Zealand eleven. It must be remembered, however, that for a number of weeks many in the team had been playing on heavy grounds. Saturday's conditions, while smiling on the visitors, found the home players still thinking in terms of mud, rain and wind. The dry ball itself puzzled the New Zealanders; they seemed uncertain of its bounce, and were easily robbed of possession.

But for King, in goal, the score would have been much higher. He made a couple of mistakes, but his contribution to his side was the most valuable of any man to either team. Harris and Hodgson, fullbacks, played doggedly against odds. McKissock, right half, improved with a dry ground. He was clever, but it was in a disorganised company. He left too much scope to the winger opposing him.

The final selection placed V.Smith at centre half in place of M.Gordon, as being more suited to attack on a dry day. The robustness of Traynor and the clever footwork of Methven remained among the reserves. The forwards did not play well individually or collectively.

The unselfishness of the Australian forwards was instinctive; a man would be in a better position, and an intervening player would let the ball pass without having to turn and look. Parsons was a good example of this. At centre forward he was a tower of strength, physically and as a constructive player. His three goals, and several near misses, were examples of how to do the right thing at the right moment, with the right speed. His inside men worked smoothly with him, while the wingers, Hodge and Johns, were ready to cross to the goal mouth, or drive at the net from an angle when that seemed the best thing to do. Hodge, who is only 20, impressed as high grade soccer material.

Among a talented back division, little variation in quality could be found, though Drummond at fullback, and Gibb, at left half, showed polish in their departments which was an object lesson to players looking on.

The teams were:-

Australia: Hough; Marston, Drummond, captain; Lawrie, Wilson, Gibb; Hodge, Cunningham, Parsons, Hughes and Johns.

New Zealand: King (Auckland); Harris (Wellington), Hodgson (Auckland); McKissock (Wellington), V.Smith (Canterbury), Hutchinson (Auckland), captain; Sharpe (Wellington), Sergeant (Wellington), G.Smith (Canterbury), Kidd (Wanganui), R.Smith (Canterbury).

New Zealand won the toss and played with the sun at their backs and into a southerly breeze. The first score followed a cross from Hodge which Parsons closed on swiftly and took on his toe to score. Lack of understanding in the defence let Cunningham through for the next. An attack on the right flank ended in Parsons raising the Australians' lead to 3-0 at half-time.

An improvement in New Zealand's play in the second half merely put a brighter edge on the performance of the Australians. Parsons showed speed and judgment in running round a tackler and getting the top right-hand corner of the goal with a perfect shot. Hughes, inside left, capped another constructive movement by outflanking the defence and adding the fifth score. Later, Hodge crossed to the goal-mouth. Parsons was well marked, and straddled the ball to let it through to Hughes, who finished off the perfect understanding with the final goal: Australia 6, New Zealand 0.

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Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
18th. August 1948,			Lancaster Park, Christchurch, New Zealand										
Canterbury (New Zealand)..1 v. Australia..3													
half time, Canterbury..0 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Alexander Laing						GK	Alan Gravel				
	RB	G.Graham						RB	Joe Marston				
	LB	E.Harris						LB	Cecil Drummond				
	RH	C.Anderson						RH	Alec Duncan				
	CH	M.Gordon (c)		X				CH	Robert Lawrie				
	LH	Victor Smith						LH	Angus Drennen				
	OR	R.Dowker						OR	Jack Hodge				
	IR	G.McAnulty	X					IR	Gordon Nunn				
	CF	Gordon Smith						CF	Frank Parsons	X			
	IL	W.Wilson						IL	Ron Hughes				
	OL	Roger Smith						OL	Allan James Johns	X, X			
SUBSTITUTES													
		T.Jones				X							
Team Coach							Team Coach						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		T.Mathie											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from the New Zealand Herald, 19/8/1948

The Australian Soccer team beat Canterbury by 3 goals to 1 before a moderate crowd at Lancaster Park today. The deciding factors were the Australians' speed and ball control and the prodigious clearing kicks of their fullbacks. Canterbury's defence was sound and there was no score at half-time. For Australia Johns scored twice and Parsons gained the other goal. McAnulty scored for Canterbury.

In the first half, while attempting a clearing kick, M.Gordon, the Canterbury captain and centre-half, broke his leg and was carried from the field. Gordon has played over 50 matches for Canterbury and this was to have been his last.

match report from The Press (Christchurch), 19/8/1948

Against a strong Australian eleven, which included seven test players, Canterbury did well to keep the scores down to 3 goals to 1 in the Association football match played at Lancaster Park yesterday. It was Australia's closest call in the present tour and the side had to fight every inch of the way to gain the verdict.

Canterbury had a stroke of ill-fortune in the first half, when M.Gordon broke a leg and was taken to hospital. Gordon has played more than 50 matches for the province and this was to be his last before retiring.

Captain of the Canterbury side, Gordon is also vice-captain of the New Zealand team and his place in the next two tests will be hard to fill.

The game, which was watched by a fair crowd, produced a different style of football than that shown by the South Africans last year, and though the tactics adopted by the Australians might have been much more successful against a less resolute defence, the scores were made possible generally by mistakes by the Canterbury backs.

Speed, long passes, and keen understanding were the main features of the Australian forward line and with the home rearguard showing a very solid defence through the third back game, movements seldom got through to point-blank range. Johns and Parsons were the men for the Canterbury players to watch all the time, particularly in the second spell, when the former went to outside left. The whole line made few mistakes and the players showed finish in their work. Markmanship and goal-mouth penetration improved towards the end of the second spell.

In possession, the forwards made swift, accurate passes, often from flank to flank, and brilliantly directed headers. Ball control was good and speed in following the ball a decided asset at all times. The intermediate line gave valuable support on attack and acted as a sure buffer on defence. In positional play they were seldom faulted and set up attacking movements which went straight to the flanks instead of through the inside forwards. Lawrie at centre gave a grand display and his subjection of G.Smith and backing up his van were highlights of the game. Both Martin and Drummond, the full-backs, tackled well and cleared with sure and long kicks. The Australians generally gave a fine display and appeared to have quite a lot in reserve.

After the heavy defeats inflicted on other teams by the Australians, Canterbury's all-round performance was much above expectations. The defence, while making mistakes, worked courageously throughout and was helped by the brilliant work of Laing in goal. Never spectacular, Laing played the game of his career, bringing off some amazing saves. His play was hard to fault. Graham, Gordon, and Harris were called on to take the freshness out of the Australian attack. They blocked every trick of the opposing forwards and it was a sad blow to the combination when Gordon retired. V.Smith, apart from the mistake that cost the first goal, and towards the end, when he travelled too far out to recover his position, made a good substitute. The wing halves did all that was asked of them, C.Anderson, in particular, driving through almost into the penalty area at times. The forwards were at times poor and at other times brilliant, their main fault being in hesitancy when within scoring range. The inside men put in solid work on defence, and were handy at the finish.

G.McAnulty's main fault was selfishness, but Wilson's display marked him as the outstanding Canterbury forward. G.Smith was overshadowed for long periods by Lawrie, but should have made more of his opportunities. It appears as though he may yet prove better as a winger than centre.

Following were the teams:-

Australia. - A.gravell; J.Marston, C.Drummond; A.Duncan, R.Lawrie, A.Drennan; J.Hodge, G.Nunn, F.Parsons, R.Hughes, A.Johns.

Canterbury. - A.Laing; G.Graham, E.Harris; C.Anderson, M.Gordon, V.Smith; R.Dowker, G.McAnulty, G.Smith, W.Wilson, R.Smith.

Australia won the toss and Canterbury kicked off from the north end against the wind. Australia was first to attack, Drennan letting Johns away before Harris raced in to clear off the centre. With long, accurate passes to Nunn and Hodge, the visitors swung play back, and with the Canterbury defence packed, first McAnulty and then Laing saved almost certain goals. Johns secured but shot wide, and for a time Australia penned up the home side. Hodge, Parsons, and Johns were prominent, but Gordon, Graham, and Laing were always there to fill the breach. In stopping a likely Australian movement, Gordon, who had been giving a brilliant display of defence, broke a leg and was carried off. T.Jones came on at left half and V.Smith moved in to centre. Play went back to the Australian end, G.Smith letting Dowker in, but Drummond headed clear for a corner. Dowker's kick was well placed, but G.Smith's header sailed over the bar.

Half-time was called with no score.

Australia attacked on the resumption, and when V.Smith failed to catch Parsons, Laing brilliantly fisted the shot over the cross-bar. Canterbury had its turn but McAnulty's shot hit the upright and Marston cleared.

Australia scored a simple goal when Marston placed a long pass down the centre to Parsons, who outpaced V.Smith to score. Australia 1, Canterbury 0.

After further even play, Hodge put in a perfect centre which Johns brought down and angled into the corner of the net. Australia 2, Canterbury 0.

Almost immediately poor covering up by the Canterbury backs enabled Parsons and Johns to romp through for the latter to score easily. Australia 3, Canterbury 0.

The Canterbury forwards, who had been having just as many scoring chances as their opponents, at last opened their account, Anderson placing to McAnulty who beat his man, pivoted, and put a brilliant drive just inside the post. Australia 3, Canterbury 1.

Canterbury made desperate efforts to reduce the leeway, but slowness in shooting nullified the chances, the game ending with the scores: Australia 3, Canterbury 1.

Mr. T.Mathie was referee.

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Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
21st. August 1948,			Fraser Park, Timaru, New Zealand										
South Island Minor Associations (New Zealand)..0 v. Australia..11													
half time, South Island Minor Associations..0 v. Australia..4													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	D.Tolchard						GK	Ken Hough				
	RB	G.McKenzie						RB	Joe Marston	47(pk)			
	LB	P.White						LB	Cecil Drummond (c)				
	RH	B.McMahon						RH	Alec Duncan				
	CH	R.Morrison (c)						CH	William Wilson				
	LH	R.Armstrong						LH	Angus Drennen				
	OR	T.Reid						OR	Jack Hodge	X			
	IR	A.Trotter						IR	Jim Cunningham	X, X			
	CF	J.Roach						CF	Frank Parsons	X, X, X, X			
	IL	R.Scott						IL	Ron Hughes	X			
	OL	Douglas Ottley						OL	Allan James Johns	X, X			
Team Coach							Team Coach						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from the New Zealand Herald, 23/8/1948

The science and skill of the Soccer played by the Australian team gave it an overwhelming advantage over the South Island Minor Associations, which suffered defeat by 11 goals to 0 yesterday. The positional play of the visitors gave them a monopoly of the ball and the forwards had a feast, the centre, F.Parsons, scoring four goals.

The associations' halfback line too often kicked indiscriminately and the home forwards had to work for the ball. The defence and cover defence of the Australians was more than adequate to keep their goal intact. The scorers were: Parsons (4), J.Cunningham and A.Johns 2 each, J.Marston, J.Hodge and R.Hughes.

match report from the Timaru Herald, 23/8/1948, page 6

The visiting Australian soccer team which played South Island Minor Associations at Fraser Park on Saturday before a moderate attendance, swamped the opposition by the sheer brilliance of their play, and the final score of 11-nil was a fair indication of the game.

The copybook style of positional play effected by the Australians gave them a monopoly of the ball and the forward line reaped a harvest, the centre forward, F.Parsons, notching four goals. Australia's full-backs, J.Marston and C.Drummond were veritable howitzers and from their well directed kicks many attacking movements originated. In the Associations' team there were one or two players who had as good ball control as the Australians, but the South Island halves had not the same facility for feeding their wings with the ball ahead of them. A.Trotter, the inside right from South Canterbury, was as good as the best of his team mates, but his chances were limited because of the superior positional play of the visitors. The captain of the Association' team, R.Morrison, at centre-half, worked hard and toward the finish of the game was giving service to his forwards. G.McKenzie, at right back for South Island, was too slow in making clearances, and on one occasion made the fatal error of dribbling near his own line, a goal resulting. The hardest worked player on the field was the the Associations' goal-keeper, D.Tolchard, who was by no means disgraced in spite of the tally against him. But for his sure pair of hands the score would have been considerably larger. It was expected that the Australians would be too strong for the South Island team, but the large total was not anticipated. At times the passing of the home halves was almost indiscriminate, and had they given the ball more air on the wings they would have done something to break up the pattern-weaving style of football by the visitors. In spite of this defect, the team as a whole played resolutely and all the clever moves were not confined to the Australians. The teams were:

Australia: K.Hough; J.Marston, C.Drummond (captain); A.Duncan, W.Wilson, A.Drennan; J.Hodge, J.Cunningham, F.Parsons, R.Hughes and A.Johns.

South Island Minor Associations: D.Tolchard; G.McKenzie, P.White; B.McMahon, R.Morrison (captain), R.Armstrong; T.Reid, A.Trotter, J.Roach, R.Scott, D.Ottley.

Accurate positional play enabled Australia to take the offensive early in the game, and two corners were forced in quick succession. The second one was accurately centred by A.Johns for the Australian centre, F.Parsons, to head into the net.

Ten minutes more sufficed for Australia to add a second goal. J.Cunningham was given the ball at close range and he made no mistake with a low swerving shot to the corner of the net.

Play swung in from the right wing and R.Hughes forced the goalkeeper, D.Tolchard, to tip over the bar for a corner. Hughes centred for Parsons to bring the ball down from knee-high and, turning in a flash, he scored with a low, hard shot.

A.Duncan, the Australian right-half, beat two men before passing to R.Hughes, who slipped the ball neatly to Cunningham, who gave the goalkeeper no chance with a sizzling shot.

From a free kick the ball came to R.Hughes, who electrified the crowd with a "pile-driver" which Tolchard fielded brilliantly to make a timely clearance. A.Johns was next in the picture with a low cross shot which struck the corner post with the goalkeeper beaten. The half-time score was: Australia 4, Minor Associations 0.

Two minutes after the beginning of the second spell a penalty was incurred by a Minor Associations' player, and J.Marston, the full-back, ballooned the net with a rising shot.

The ball had just been centred when W.Williams fed A.Johns on the wing, and he added the sixth goal with an angled drive.

The Associations' goalkeeper, Tolchard, was having a hectic time, and he was called on three times in as many minutes to save stinging shots. R.Morrison, who was playing well for the Associations at centre half, opened up his forward line, but the centre-forward, J.Roach, was bottled by the Australian full-backs. When P.White, the left-back for the South Island, failed to make a first-time clearance and lost the ball, J.Hodge added another goal to Australia's total.

Australia returned to the attack and from a centring kick by Hodge, Parsons scored.

From a corner kick, Johns centred with a nice swerving shot to enable Parsons to head into the net.

Associations' full-back, G.McKenzie, tried to dribble past Johns, who waited for his man to turn before scoring with a neatly placed shot.

A few minutes afterwards, R.Hughes scored from close in.

The spirits of the onlookers were lifted when T.Reid broke away, but his shot veered to the right of the goal. This was the first likely scoring movement by Associations, beat the full-back and had a clear field, but he stumbled and fell and lost a ??? chance. The final score was: Australia 11, Minor Associations 0.

The referee was Mr. M.Cassin, Christchurch.

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Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
25th. August 1948,			Caledonian Ground, Dunedin, New Zealand										
Otago (New Zealand)..0 v. Australia..6													
half time, Otago..0 v. Australia..2													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	L.Martin						GK	Ken Hough				
	RB	R.Pearce						RB	Joe Marston	44(pk)			
3	LB	T.Ness (c)						LB	Cecil Drummond (c)				
	RH	T.Gilchrist						RH	Alec Duncan				
	CH	R.Morrison						CH	William Wilson				
	LH	B.Walsh						LH	Angus Drennen				
	OR	W.Williams						OR	Allan James Johns				
	IR	I.Walsh						IR	Jim Cunningham	40, X, 89			
	CF	W.Barry						CF	Frank Parsons	X, X			
10	IL	Douglas Ottley						IL	Ron Hughes				
	OL	J.Little						OL	Wal. Cansick				
Team Coach							Team Coach						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		W.H.Dodd											
Linesman		D.Welham											
Linesman		F.King											

match report from the New Zealand Herald, 26/8/1948

The touring Australian Association football team beat Otago by 6 goals to 0 in a fast game here today. Otago concentrated on spoiling tactics and kept the Australians from scoring for the first 40 minutes. Thereafter the superior speed of the visiting forwards, combined with the solidity of the halves and backs, wore down and hustled the Otago defence.

Scorers for Australia were J.Cunningham (3), F.Parsons (2) and J.Marston (penalty).

match report from the Otago Daily Times, 26/8/1948

The Otago team which was beaten by six goals to nil by the touring Australian Soccer team at the Caledonian Ground yesterday afternoon was not disgraced. The difference between the teams was not as great as the score would indicate, and the dry ball and fast ground produced some bright flashes of football from both sides. From the outset it was obvious that the Otago eleven was concentrating on keeping the Australians from scoring goals, rather than playing an attacking game, but with the inside forwards bolstering up the defence by acting as additional wing-halves, Otago decreased the effectiveness of penetration by the remainder of the forward line, and the opportunities for scoring were short-lived against a solid defence.

In the first spell the Otago side forced Australia into mistakes by spoiling tactics, but in the second, when two goals down, Otago was unable to withstand the pressure of the Australians' greater speed, better positional play, and superior ball control on the ground, and the defence became hustled. As a result, the Australians gained two goals from miss-kicks, and were more dangerous near the net.

Otago had few real scoring opportunities, mainly as the result of the loss of the inside forwards on attack, and the Australian full-backs were seldom hustled against the weakened line. W.Berry played a sterling game at centre-forward for Otago. He was fast and dangerous within striking distance of goal, but almost invariably he found himself playing a lone game against the defenders because his inside men were missing. J.Little made some good runs up the left wing, but again the opportunities went begging through lack of support.

The Otago goal-keeper, F.Martin, played an outstanding game, and saved some difficult attempts by the Australians. He was handicapped near the end of the game by an injury to one hand. The Southland recruits the Otago eleven, D.Ottley and R.Morrison, were both invaluable. Ottley often turned defence into attack and Morrison sent the forwards away in some promising movements.

The Australian eleven was much faster all round than the home side, but did not finish off its movements as decisively as was expected from an international eleven. The 22-year-old full-back, J.Marston, was a tower of strength on defence, and F.Parsons and R.Hughes were particularly dangerous and enterprising in the forward line.

The teams were:-

Otago. - L.Martin; R.Pearce, T.Ness (captain); T.Gilchrist, R.Morrison, B.Walsh; W.Williams, I.Walsh, W.Berry, D.Ottley, J.Little.

Australia. - K.Hough; J.Marston, C.Drummond (captain); A.Duncan, W.Wilson, A.Drennan; A.Johns, J.Cunningham, F.Parsons, R.Hughes, W.Cansick.

Otago won the toss, and from the kick-off, Wilson sent up to Cunningham but the Australian shot past. Play was fast. The Otago players were inclined to play too close together, and were held largely on the defensive, but in spite of neat foot and head work, the Australians were unable to press home their advantage at this stage. Some half-hearted shots at goal by the Australians were competently dealt with by Martin. Hughes came in from the left as the Australian centre, Parsons, passed across goal, but Morrison covered his hard shot by running past the line of flight.

The Otago forwards made some penetrating runs down the left, but the Australian halves dropped back to give extra coverage and the defence was not greatly troubled. Both on defence and attack, however, the Otago players were showing considerably more initiative than in some of their past performances this season, and the expectations of the majority of the spectators were not realised when 25 minutes passed without the Australians scoring.

Together with the full-backs, Pearce and Ness, Martin was showing outstanding form in goal, and his judgment on when to leave the net and come out to clear was good. Although they were inclined at times in the face of pressure by the Australians to lose touch with their forwards, the Otago halves coped well with the neat short passing of the visitors. At times when Little was sent away on the left, his cross found none of the Otago forwards up in support, and the opportunity passed. Hough was able to clear from 25 yards out at times with no opposition from the Otago vanguard.

The most determined shot in half an hour's play was one by the Australian centre-forward, Parsons, from 20 yards out, but Martin saved a hard shot excellently. Morrison sent Otago's centre, Berry, away with a long kick from midfield, and he tried a first-time shot on the run. The bounce went against him, and his shot went over the bar.

The Australians returned to the attack, and after a period of indecisive play near goal, Cunningham secured and beat the full-backs and Martin with a close shot. Forty minutes had gone. Australia 1, Otago nil.

Otago went away on attack from the whistle, and Little carried well down before crossing. Berry went through Marston and Drummond and robbed Hough in possession. He sent the ball close past the Australian goal, but no one was there to press home the advantage.

Just before the end of the first spell the Australians were awarded what appeared to be a doubtful penalty. Marston made no mistake with a carpet shot to the left-hand corner of the net. Australia 2, Otago nil.

The Australian eleven did not impress as being a side comparable with the South African team which was here last season, nor was it as clever as the Commonwealth side which came to New Zealand in 1936.

The ball was more in the air in the first spell than was expected from an international eleven.

The Otago men were finding one another better at the start of the second spell. Morrison sent Little away with Berry in support, but the lighter Otago centre-forward was pushed off the ball by Marston, a solid full-back, at the critical moment. Ottley, playing well back, tried a speculator from the clearance, but it was too high. When Morrison miskicked near goal, Parsons, the Australian centre, secured and hustled through to beat Martin at close range. Shortly after, another mis-kick gave Hughes a shot at goal. Martin saved well, but Cunningham closed in and hit the post with a strong carpet shot. The ball bounced backwards into the net. Australia 4, Otago nil.

Otago was tiring after a quarter of an hour's play in this spell, and the faster Australian forwards were finding gaps in the defence. B.Walsh conceded a corner to Cansick, Parsons got his head to a nicely-placed kick, and Martin had no chance to keep the ball out. Australia 5, Otago nil.

The Australians were working the right flank cleverly, and provided Parsons with some opportunities, but he was unsupported. He shot past twice when in a good position, hit the upright on another occasion, and after a hard shot that troubled Martin, he headed back to Cunningham a minute before time, and the inside left made no mistake from close range.

Australia 6, Otago 0.

Mr.W.H.Dodd was the referee, and Messrs D.Welham and F.King were the linesmen.

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Date & Time		Venue					Weather		Temperature		Attendance		
28th. August 1948, 15.00		Lancaster Park Oval, Christchurch, New Zealand											
New Zealand..0 v. Australia..7													
half time,													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
1	GK	Robert King						GK	Ken Hough				
2	RB	Peter Hall					1	RB	Joe Marston				
3	LB	Raymond Hodgson					2	LB	Cecil Drummond (c)				
4	RH	David McKissock					3	RH	Robert Lawrie				
5	CH	Philip Traynor					4	CH	William Wilson				
6	LH	Victor Smith					5	LH	Angus Drennen				
7	OR	Douglas Ottley					6	OR	Jack Hodge				
8	IR	Peter O'Malley					7	IR	Jim Cunningham	X			
9	CF	Gordon Smith					8	CF	Frank Parsons	X, X, X			
10	IL	Thomas Methven					9	IL	Ron Hughes	X, X			
11	OL	Lankford Smith					12	OL	Allan James Johns	X			
Team Coach		T.Dick					Team Coach						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		T.C.Gottermeyer											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from the New Zealand Herald, 29/8/1948

Giving a magnificent display of ball control, anticipation and combination that New Zealand could not match, Australia won the second Soccer test by seven goals to nil at Lancaster Park yesterday. Australia wasted few passes and often collected those of the New Zealand players.

Individual cleverness was also shown by the Australians, one of the many examples being when Hodge beat four defenders in as many yards to let Hughes in for a comparatively simple goal. The failure of the New Zealander halves to find the forwards was the tragedy of the game.

P.O'Malley was the best New Zealand forward, mainly through his understanding with P.Traynor and V.Smith. In the half-line Traynor added dash, but the line was in trouble because of the Australians' speed. The backs played well enough individually, but were submerged by the Australian attack. R.King in goal was patchy.

Much of Australia's success was achieved by the halves. Wilson in particular was brilliant and his stamina was seemingly inexhaustible. Hodge, Parsons and Johns were outstanding in the Australian attack.

Goals for Australia were scored by Parsons (3), Hughes (2), Johns and Cunningham.

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Date & Time		Venue				Weather				Temperature		Attendance	
1st. September 1948,		Basin Reserve, Wellington, New Zealand											
Wellington (New Zealand)..1 v. Australia..7													
half time, Wellington..1 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Healey						GK	Ken Hough				
	RB	Peter Hall						RB	Joe Marston				
	LB	E.Harris						LB	Cecil Drummond (c)				
	?							RH	Alec Duncan				
	?	Jeromson						CH	William Wilson				
	?							LH	Lex Gibb				
	?	Henry Bell	X					OR	Jack Hodge	X, X			
	?							IR	Jim Cunningham	X			
	?							CF	Gordon Nunn	X, X, X			
	?							IL	Ron Hughes	X			
	?	Reginald Singer						OL	Allan James Johns				
Team Coach							Team Coach						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		J.Duncan											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from the Wellington Dominion Post, 2/9/1948

Australia beat Wellington province at soccer yesterday by 7 goals to 1 on the Basin Reserve under perfect conditions, but for a time the tourists got a fright.

It was an astonishing game. From early in the first spell the visitors were for the first time on the tour on the debit side of the score, and they were to remain there for 15 minutes after resumption of play.

Wellington put up a splendid performance in the first half, playing the Australians at their own game; never content unless they were after the ball. Henry Bell's goal brought a wave of elation to the crowd. Having missed a first chance, he accepted a second, putting it away neatly for the lead.

The Australians were still struggling to find their feet early in the second half, and it needed Hughes's opening goal to settle them down. From then on their shooting improved and their positional play became perfect.

Wellington, who had been playing at a faster pace than is usual in club football, had not been very secure in spite of their ascendancy, and now went to pieces. No fewer than six more goals were registered against them without effective retaliation, the scorers being Nunn (3), Hodge (2) and Cunningham.

Harris, fullback for Wellington, was equal to the best on the ground. Hall, the other fullback, was good in the first half, but faded in the second. Singer kept going as well as any in the forwards.

The Australian centre forward, Nunn, was quick in accepting opportunities. Both wingers, Hodge and Johns, crossed the ball in a manner not seen in New Zealand football, even when they were running towards the outside of the field.

When their machine started to work all the forwards shot like a bullet from a gun. Nobody wasted a moment looking around. Hughes was one of the hardest workers, and his clever tactics gave Johns some first-rate opportunities. Cunningham was another tireless worker. What New Zealand soccer needs is inside forwards like the last two mentioned; they never let up from start to finish, worrying for the ball and getting it to the rest of the line.

Drummond, the Australian left full back, was not so safe as usual, but Marston turned on a good game. The wing halves, Duncan and Gibb, were superior to Wilson at centre. Hough, who had more to do in goal than previously on the tour, was very fast, with a powerful clearing kick.

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Date & Time		Venue		Weather		Temperature		Attendance					
4th. September 1948,		Basin Reserve, Wellington, New Zealand						3000					
New Zealand..0 v. Australia..4													
half time, New Zealand..0 v. Australia..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
1	GK	Alexander Laing						GK	Ken Hough				
4	RB	Peter Hall						RB	Joe Marston				
3	LB	Raymond Hodgson						LB	Cecil Drummond (c)				
5	RH	David McKissock						RH	Robert Lawrie	X			
6	CH	Victor Smith						CH	Alec Duncan				
10	LH	Rex Boyes						LH	Angus Drennen				
9	OR	Lankford Smith						OR	Jack Hodge				
7	IR	Thomas Methven						IR	Jim Cunningham				
8	CF	Desmond Warman						CF	Gordon Nunn				
2	IL	Robert Wilson						IL	Ron Hughes	X			
11	OL	Douglas Ottley						OL	Allan James Johns	X, X			
Team Coach		T.Dick					Team Coach						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		J.Sanderson											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from the Wellington Dominion Post, 6/9/1948

Having been beaten 6-0 and 7-0 in the first and second tests against Australia, New Zealand gave its best exhibition to date on Saturday when it held the talented visiting team to a 4-0 win in the third test.

The weather was fair, though light drizzle fell occasionally. The visitors expressed surprise that the curtain-raiser had been played on the No.1 ground, which was a little cut up for perfect precision. The crowd numbered about 3000.

Though New Zealand did better on a goals basis, at no time did it have the ascendancy held by the Wellington provincial team for the major portion of the game last Wednesday. The New Zealand team, however, put everything they had into the match, and individually at least denied the ball to their opponents whenever possible. The home side was not so fit as the Australians, who turned on soccer at a pace which made New Zealand representative, and to a still greater extent club football appear slow motion play.

The combination displayed by the Australians was an object-lesson of what can be done with a side associated for some weeks, and the question was naturally asked on Saturday: Could future New Zealand test sides be brought together for a training period?

Stimulating exhibition though it was, the Australians on Saturday rose only at intervals to the heights they have reached on perfectly dry grounds. In addition, they had omitted their first-string centre forward, Parsons. Nunn, however, had demonstrated against Wellington that at his best he touches Parsons' brilliance. Wilson, regarded as their best centre half, was also given a spell in favour of Duncan, who had not yet played in a test.

The winners never overdid their cleverness; when they used it, they succeeded and showed polished soccer. New Zealand's ball juggling was usually just a split second too slow.

Laing played an excellent game in goal for New Zealand. Hodgson, right back, was outstanding, though he made a serious mistake early in the match. Hall, the Air Force left back, was sound. In the New Zealand half line, V.Smith was below form, and Boyes was the best of the other two. He kept a close eye on Nunn, who was not able to swing in the goals as he had done three days before.

The New Zealand forwards turned on an honest effort, but lacked combination in approach and that snap and drive in front of goal which several times might have diminished the score margin. Toward the close, though thoroughly tired, nobody laid down on the job. Methven appeared the best of the straggling line. New Zealand has not yet found a test centre-forward, especially to cope with such defence as Warman encountered.

Hough had little to do in the Australian goal, but two of his saves were top-liners. Marston was the best fullback on the ground. Lawrie, right half, scored a splendid goal.

The teams were as follows:-

Australia: K.Hough; J.Marston, C.Drummond; R.Lawrie, A.Duncan, A.Drennan; J.Hodge, J.Cunningham, G.Nunn, R.Hughes, A.Johns.

New Zealand: A.Laing; R.Hodgson, P.Hall; D.McKissock, R.Boyes, V.Smith; L.Smith, T.Methven, D.Worman, R.Wilson, D.Ottley.

Gliding through a scattered defence Cunningham gave the ball to Hodge, who sent it across to the other winger, Johns, and he scored the only goal in the first half.

In the second spell, Lawrie banged a beauty in from one corner kick, and Hughes did the same from another. The best goal of the day was just on time when Johns registered unerringly from a difficult angle, making the final tally, Australia 4, N.Z. 0

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Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature			Attendance	
8th. September 1948,			Kuirau Reserve, Rotorua, New Zealand											
Rotorua (New Zealand)..0 v. Australia..13														
half time, Rotorua..0 v. Australia..6														
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	
START LIST														
	GK	G.Laurence						GK	Alan Gravell					
	RB	F.Cushlow						RB	Joe Marston					
	LB	D.Rollings						LB	Cecil Drummond (c)					
	RH	T.McLuckie						RH	Robert Lawrie	X				
	CH	J.Dulson						CH	Alec Duncan	X				
	LH	A.Ross						LH	Lex Gibb					
	OR	J.Donnelly						OR	Jack Hodge	X, X				
	IR	T.Bennison						IR	Frank Parsons	X, X, X, X				
	CF	J.Hewitson						CF	Gordon Nunn	X, X, X				
	IL	G.Thomas						IL	Allan James Johns	X, X				
	OL	J.Greenhead						OL	Wal. Cansick					
Team Coach							Team Coach							
Team Manager							Team Manager							
Referee		F.Killen												
Linesman														
Linesman														

match report from the New Zealand Herald, 9/9/1948

Opposing a team drawn from three clubs, the Australian Soccer tourists played a match at Rotorua today against veterans and comparatively inexperienced players. It was virtually an exhibition game for the visitors, who won by 13 goals to 0.

The Australian team was:- A.Gravell; C.Drummond, J.Marston; R.Lawrie, A.Duncan, L.Gibbs; J.Hodge, F.Parsons, G.Nunn, A.Johns, W.Wansick.

The score at halftime was 6-0, but the goals registered would have been much bigger but for the work of G.Laurence, in the Rotorua goal, and F.Cushlow, right back. Other Rotorua representatives who played well were J.Dulson, centre-half, T.McLuckie, right-half, and T.Bennison, inside-right, who was the best forward.

Goals were scored for Australia by Parsons (4), Nunn (4), Johns (2), Hodge, Duncan and Lawrie.

match report from the Daily Post, 9/9/1948, page 6

Rotorua was treated to a fine exhibition of the Association Football code at the Kuirau Reserve yesterday, when the Australians vanquished a Rotorua side drawn from three clubs to the tune of 13 to nil. It would have been a better game if it had not been so one-sided but as a spectacle of positional play, combined with clever foot and head work, the enterprise of the Rotorua enthusiasts was well rewarded.

The game was saved from becoming a debacle by the work of two Rotorua representatives in particular, G.Laurence, the goalie, and F.Cushlow at right back. Other players in the local side who did well against Australia's best were J.Dulson at centrehalf, T.McLuckie, at right half, and T.Bennison, the inside right who was the best of the forwards. Laurence saved far more goals than the shots that eluded him, and his coolness and skill, as the hardest worked man on the ground, earned him all the congratulations he received.

The Australian eleven was playing the second to last match of a strenuous tour, but they showed no signs of staleness, and they should give a good account of themselves in the last Test at Auckland. They will return to Australia on Tuesday.

In a team with such good combination and understanding, none was really outstanding, but the penetrating powers of F.Parsons, who played inside forward instead of centre forward, of G.Nunn at centre, and of A.Johns at inside right, were given full play. R.Lawrie and L.Gibb, on the wings, were also in good fettle.

The teams were:-

Australia (green and gold): A.Gravell; C.Drummond, J.Marston; A.Duncan, R.Lawrie, L.Gibb; F.Parsons, G.Nunn, A.Johns, J.Hodge, W.Cansick.

Rotorua (white): G.Laurence; D.Rollings, F.Cushlow; A.Ross, J.Dulson, T.McLuckie; J.Greenhead, G.Thomas, J.Hewitson, J.Donnelly, T.Bennison.

Referee: Mr. F.Killen.

Unexpectedly, it was the Australian goalie who was first called upon to save, after the Australians had won the toss and elected to play from the northern end, into the sun. There was a cold westerly blowing across the ground. The Rotorua goalie showed early form by turning two shots in succession at short range.

Then Johns, intercepting from some loose play, scored for Australia with a low shot that went into the corner of the goal-mouth. Laurence once more came to the rescue with safe hands and another shot went over the bar. Three corner kicks were cleared to midfield, then a long shot by Parsons went just over the net. Nunn was the next to score, from a shot from a fairly long range. Hodge then scored with a left-footer after he had failed with his right. Australia 3-0.

After a period of indeterminate play, Parsons made it four, then five with a left foot kick. Hodge made it six a moment after Laurence had cleared. This was the score at half-time.

Early in the second half, the game was stopped for three minutes while Dulson received attention for a blow in the face by the ball.

Laurence was called on to turn the attack several times, and again the game hovered momentarily around the Australian circle. In the return rally, Parsons notched another. Laurence met an attempted encore by Parsons and one from Johns, but finally Parsons penetrated the defence with his fourth goal, and the eighth of the match. Duncan shortly sent in another that was too hot to hold, and Nunn put up double figures for Australia. Nunn was in the van of another attack which Laurence cleverly met. A corner kick was cleared, and once more the ball went into Australian territory. Gravell being called on twice. Drummond's next attempt missed, but Nunn trapped the ball on the rebound, and scored his fourth goal. Lawrie then added his quota with a delivery that the goalie just failed to collect. Parsons attempted to head in the ball which was retrieved and two corner kicks taken by Australia were cleared. A shot from Marston went over the bar, then there was another brief interruption to play while Hewitson received attention for an injury to his knee. The last goal came from the boot of Johns, who sent in a high one. Australia 13-0.

There is some doubt over the goal scorers. The New Zealand Herald match report has Nunn scoring four goals and Hodge one. The Daily Post (Rotorua) match report has Nunn scoring three goals and Hodge two. However in the text it mentions that Nunn scored four goals.

Further to this, at the end of the tour, the NZ tour goal scorers as shown in an article in the NZ Herald and Sports Post, has Cunningham 12 goals, Hodge 7, Parsons 26, Nunn 15, John 13 and Hughes 10. Mathematically, this is achieved when considering Nunn scoring three goals versus Rotorua and Hodge two.

information supplied by Andrzej Zlotkowski [nzfooty@hotmail.com], Barry Smith and www.ozfootball.net

Date & Time			Venue			Weather			Temperature			Attendance		
11th. September 1948,			Blandford Park, Auckland, New Zealand									7000		
New Zealand..1 v. Australia..8														
half time, New Zealand..0 v. Australia..7														
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	
START LIST														
1	GK	Robert King						GK	Ken Hough					
2	RB	Patrick Harris						RB	Joe Marston					
3	LB	Raymond Hodgson						LB	Cecil Drummond (c)					
10	RH	Rex Boyes						RH	Robert Lawrie					
6	CH	Philip Traynor						CH	William Wilson					
9	LH	Howard Hutchinson (c)						LH	Angus Drennen					
4	OR	Peter Hall						OR	Jack Hodge					
7	IR	Thomas Methven						IR	Jim Cunningham	X				
8	CF	Desmond Warman						CF	Frank Parsons	X, X, X, X, X, X	X			
5	IL	David McKissock						IL	Ron Hughes	X				
11	OL	Reginald Singer				X		OL	Allan James Johns					
SUBSTITUTES														
12	OL	Arthur Masters	X			X								
Team Coach		T.Dick					Team Coach							
Team Manager							Team Manager							
Referee		C.G.Edwards												
Linesman														
Linesman														

match report from the New Zealand Herald, 13/9/1948

Brilliant positional play and clever head and foot work enabled Australia to win the fourth Soccer test at Blandford Park on Saturday, New Zealand being defeated by eight goals to one. Australia led 7-0 at half-time. Conditions were ideal and there was an attendance estimated at 7000.

It was not through the Australians slackening off in the second spell that changed what had been a rout, but rather through New Zealand swinging the ball about with well-directed kicking. However, the visitors again renewed their grip on the play and even after Parsons had been carried off the remaining ten players maintained the ascendancy.

The incident which led to Parsons being carried off on a stretcher happened when he charged in on King, the New Zealand goalkeeper, and apparently came in hard contact with King's shoulder. At the same time Hodgson, New Zealander's left back, rushed in on Parsons. The referee, Mr.C.G.Edwards, stated later that he had blown his whistle for the infringement by Parsons when Hodgson moved in, apparently to protect his goalkeeper, but no blows were struck and the injury to Parsons was caused in his collision with the goalkeeper.

From the kick-off Australia attacked, and in the first 11 minutes the ball was only taken out of New Zealand territory once. Combining splendidly the Australians were kept out by desperate defence. The contrast between Australian and New Zealand players trapping and passing the ball to an unmarked colleague all in one movement, or diverting it as it ran with a deft flick of the foot was most marked. With more clumsy methods the New Zealanders generally stopped the ball and let it run away from them. They seldom had the opportunity or time to pass the ball to advantage.

Particularly in the early stages New Zealand had many opportunities to attack but these were lost through players endeavouring to beat their opponents with footwork in close play, a department in which New Zealand was outclassed. New Zealand was on defence practically all of the first half with the half-back line playing right back on top of the backs and goalkeeper and the inside forwards well back also. The result was that when a ball was cleared and the winger got it he had no support to carry on an attack.

In the second half when New Zealand employed first-time methods to swing the ball from wing to wing the visitors were fully extended. Although there might have been a suspicion that they were even hustled, there was little falling off in their positional play. Even on attack New Zealand could not keep positions and passes went astray which enabled Australia to regain its grip on the game.

Hough, in the Australian goal, had little to do but earned applause for some clever saves. His understanding with his backs enabled him to come out and clear several dangerous situations. In the play of the full-backs, Marston and Drummond, intelligent defence of a high standard was witnessed. Their anticipation of attacks and their clearing kicks, which were generally directed to an unmarked colleague, were a lesson to New Zealanders. The halfback line was not spectacular but it was here that the bulk of the attacking movements were founded.

Wilson, in the centre, was clever with his head and feet in directing the play, and quick to turn defence into attack. On the right wing Lawrie was always in support with clever footwork and with Hodge and Cunningham provided some delightful play in which the ball was passed forward, sideways and backward to gain ground. In contrast New Zealanders appeared frightened to pass the ball back. On the left the same understanding between Drennen and his forwards, Johns and Hughes, resulted in similar play.

Oarsons, centre-forward, was aggressive at all times. With two inside players of the type of Hughes and Cunningham it was not surprising that the wing men, Johns and Hodge, saw a lot of the ball. Their pattern of driving a fast pass across the advancing front line to the opposite wing instead of shooting direct at goal was one that New Zealand teams could well copy.

King, in the New Zealand goal, made some clever and daring saves. Harris and Hodgson had a gruelling time, but were crowded by the halfbacks, eight New Zealand players being in the penalty area during one Australian attack. Nevertheless they performed creditably. In the first spell Traynor, centre-half, concentrated too much on Parsons and his distributed of the play suffered in consequence. Although Boyes and Hutchinson were prominent in breaking up some dangerous movements they could not recover in time to carry on attacks and there was a gap between this line and the forwards.

The inside men, Methven and McKissick were weak, McKissick obviously being out of position and extra work was put on the middle line. On the right, Hall, who played at full-back previously, was also not at home on the right wing. When Masters replaced Singer on the left wing there was some life in the front line but with the lack of support his accurate passes were wasted. In the centre Worman had too much foraging work to do to be effective as a scoring machine.

The game was ably controlled by Mr.C.G.Edwards. Parsons (6), Cunningham and Hughes scored for Australia, and Masters scored for New Zealand.

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Date & Time				Venue				Weather				Temperature		Attendance	
13th. September 1948, 15.30				Blandford Park, Auckland, New Zealand											
Auckland (New Zealand)..0 v. Australia..8															
half time,															
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)		
START LIST															
	GK	Robert King						GK	Alan Gravell						
	RB	T.Valentine						RB	Joe Marston						
	LB	Raymond Hodgson						LB	Alec Duncan						
	RH	J.Espie						RH	Robert Lawrie (c)						
	CH	O.C.Cleal						CH	William Wilson						
	LH	Howard Hutchinson						LH	Lex Gibb						
	OR	A.Moyle						OR	Jack Hodge	X					
	IR	A.Wallace						IR	Jim Cunningham						
	CF	A.Wilkinson						CF	Frank Parsons	X					
	IL	A.Richards						IL	Ron Hughes	X					
	OL	A.Blackie						OL	Allan James Johns						
SUBSTITUTES															
								?	Gordon Nunn	X, X, X, X, X					
Team Coach							Team Coach								
Team Manager							Team Manager								
Referee		E.Page													
Linesman															
Linesman															

match report from the New Zealand Herald, 14/9/1948

The Australian touring Soccer team maintained its undefeated record in New Zealand by beating Auckland in the final match of the tour at Blandford Park yesterday by 8 goals to 0. It was the heaviest defeat yet suffered by an Auckland representative team. Ideal conditions prevailed and there was an attendance estimated at 3000.

The game was far from being one-sided in the first half. With good finishing by the Auckland forwards in this spell the score could easily have been even, instead of 3-0 in favour of Australia. While Auckland had its fair share of the play, and at times was even on top with long passing and first-time methods, the players spent themselves in running after the ball. In strong contrast, the Australians used deft touches with their feet and head even when hard pressed.

In the second spell Australia, with its excellent positional play which had never wavered, almost dominated the game. Auckland gave its supporters some thrills in the last few minutes, when Australia was very lucky to keep its goal intact.

King, in the Auckland goal, has been seen to better advantage in anticipating attacking moves. Valentine and Hodgson did a lot of hard work, Valentine in particular with his fast recovery getting the side out of trouble many times. Cleal, at centre-half, played one of his best games this season, his clearances were generally well placed. By waiting for the pass to come to them the forwards allowed the Australian defence to nip in and much of cleal's work was nullified in this manner. Espie and Hutchinson gave strong support and tackled well, sending the ball through to the forwards.

While Richards and A.Wallace worked hard, they were inclined to get out of position too often, and the wing men, Moyle and Blackie, suffered as a result. In contrast to the Australian centre-forward, Wilkinson was seldom up with the backs ready to dash through for the passes which might have meant goals.

Nunn (5), Hughes, Parsons and Hodge scored for Australia.

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HNK Hajduk Split (Hrvatski Nogometni Klub Hajduk Split) and commonly referred to as Hajduk Split, is a Croatian (formerly part of Yugoslavia) football club from the city of Split.

The club was founded in the centuries-old pub "U Flekū" in Prague (then part of the Austro-Hungarian empire) by a group of students from Split. The club was officially registered on 13/2/1911.

Hajduks were romanticized bandits that fought the rule of the Ottoman Turks and it is speculated that famed hajduk Andrija Šimić, who triumphantly arrived in Split in 1902 to cheering crowds, was perhaps the inspiration for the name.

The Hajduk Split touring team was widely advertised as Yugoslavia but all the tourists, including officials, were members of the club and it was reported that Australian officials had been aware of this at the beginning of the tour but had persisted in billing the Yugoslavs as a fully representative international team. (refer The Sydney Morning Herald, 16/9/1949, page 9 <http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/18131776>)

Hajduk Split arrived at Kingsford-Smith Airport, Sydney on 20/7/1949 by Lockheed Constellation and their first game was against New South Wales on 23/7/1949.

Prior to the first "Test" against Hajduk Split the Australian team played a practice match against a Sydney Metropolis team.

This match was mentioned in an article in The Sydney Morning Herald, 29/7/1949, page 6 (<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/18123839/1028309>)

Australia will play a modified three-back defence against Yugoslavia in the first Soccer Test at the Showground to-morrow.

The Australian attack will concentrate on co-operation between wing halves and inside forwards, with a roving centre forward.

Australian coach, Andy Henderson, trained Test players along these lines at the Showground yesterday afternoon.

Test players and a full Metropolitan team, which will play the Yugoslavs on Monday, yesterday played an unofficial match at the Showground.

copied from www.ozfootball.net spelling of Hajduk Split player names checked by Igor Kramarsic (rsssf) and Jurica Gizdic

Date & Time			Venue					Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
30th. July 1949, 14.30			Royal Agricultural Ground, Moore Park, Australia (Sydney Showground)										27000	
Australia..2 v. HNK Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia)..3														
half time, Australia..0 v. HNK Hajduk Split..1														
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	
START LIST														
	GK	Jim Jenkins						GK	Vladimir Beara					
	RB	Joe Marston						RB	Ljubomir Kokeza					
	LB	Cecil Drummond (c)						LB	Slavko Luštica	82				
	RH	Robert Lawrie						RH	Ivo Mrčić					
	CH	William Wilson						CH	Ervin Katnić					
	LH	Lex Gibb						LH	Ivo Radovniković					
	OR	George Sanders						OR	Dragutin Drvodjelic	X				
	IR	Allan James Johns	60					IR	Vojko Andrijašević					
	CF	Gordon Nunn	51					CF	Frane Matošić (c)					
9	IL	Ron Hughes						IL	Stane Krstulović					
	OL	Ray Marshall						OL	Bernard Vukas	88				
Team Coach		Andy Henderson					Team Coach		Luka Kaliterna					
Team Trainer		W.Park					Team Managers		Miljenko Kratulović					
Team Manager		J.D.Revie							Božidar Novak					
Referee		Frank Chidgey												
Linesman		S.G."Dick" Thorpe					Squad List		Goalkeepers		Vladimir Beara			
Linesman		Jack McKenzie							Fullbacks		Josip Vidović			
											Ljubomir Kokeza			
											Slavko Luštica			
									Half-backs		Božo Broketa			
											Ivo Mrčić			
											Ervin Katnić			
											Tonci Radovniković			
											Ivo Radovniković			
									Forwards		Dragutin Drvodjelic			
											Ante Mladinić			
											Frane Matošić (c)			
											Bernard Vukas			
											Miljenko Batinić			
											Stane Krstulović			
											Vojko Andrijašević			
											Branko Vidjak			

Hajduk Split assistant manager Božidar Novak is also shown as B.Novac. The assistant manager to Milenko Kratulović was also shown as Iva Raic (<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/18122941>)
Stane Krstulović was also shown as Stanko Krstulović and Andrija Krstulović. Josip Vidović is also shown as K.Vidović.

match report from The Sunday Herald (Sporting Section), 31/7/1949, page 9 <http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/18469576>

Yugoslavia had to produce a rousing finish to beat Australia 3-2 in the first Soccer Test at the Showground yesterday.

Eight minutes from the end Australia led 2-1 and appeared to have the game won. From half time the Yugoslavs had been hemmed into their own half.

But then Yugoslavia gained a left-wing corner. Vukas sent over a long, high ball, right-winger, Drvodjelic, tapped it to Lustica, and a quick shot made the scores level.

The big crowd cheered wildly as the teams strived for a decider.

And two minutes from time it came.

A long pass from right-half Mrcic found the right winger, whose fast ground shot was only partially stopped by Jenkins, Australia's goalkeeper.

The ball ran loose, and Vukas, coming in fast from the left wing, had no difficulty in netting.

Yugoslavia won the match, but Australia was by no means disgraced.

For most of the second half an Australian victory looked likely.

Drvodjelic scored early in the match from a Vukas opening, and for some time more Yugoslav goals seemed imminent.

But poor finishing, and occasionally bad luck, kept Australia's goal intact.

These lapses may easily have cost the visitors the match.

The move leading to the first goal was so easily executed that it appeared as if the visitors had reserved their best form for the Test.

The Australians tried to match the visitors' skill in the first half, but with little success.

In this period Yugoslav goalkeeper V.Beara had only one difficult shot to save.

And that was when a colleague sent in an erratic back-pass.

Australia's forwards often combined well to reach the Yugoslav penalty area.

It was then, however, that the brilliance of the Yugoslav defence was demonstrated.

Every Australian found himself covered and, with Katnic playing a fine third-back game, Beara was untroubled.

The visitors deserved their half-time lead.

The Australians, however, played like a different side after the resumption, and within six minutes had drawn level.

Queensland centre-forward Gordon Nunn picked up a loose ball 40 yards out and raced through the defence to score with a fast-rising shot.

Encouraged by this goal, the Australians put everything into the game.

Centre-half Wilson, unlike his rival, was playing all over the field.

The halves, too, moved up with all attacks. Australia was on top.

But this eagerness to attack often left Marston and Drummond as Australia's only outfield defence.

Half-back Bob Lawrie, who was playing a sterling game, started the move which gave Australia the lead after 60 minutes.

He ran the ball 40 yards before passing to Sanders on the right wing.

Sanders circled full-back Broketa and transferred to Alan Johns, who left Beara helpless with a hard drive from 18 yards out.

The lead was deserved, and was a fair reflection on the run of play.

But Yugoslavia, as in its three previous matches, had the finishing burst to pull the game out of the fire.

Most people left the ground with the opinion that Australia was unlucky to lose.

New Test players Jenkins and Sanders justified the selectors' faith.

Bob Lawrie was the star of the half-back line, while Johns was the best forward.

A crowd of 27,000 paid £3,550 to see the game.

Yugoslavia, 3 (D.Drvodjelic, S.Lustica, B.Vukas), beat Australia, 2 (G.Nunn, A.Johns).

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Scraped from www.sportstat.net

Date & Time		Venue				Weather		Temperature		Attendance			
6th. August 1949, 15.00		Melbourne Cricket Ground, Melbourne, Australia								11829			
Australia..0 v. HNK Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia)..3													
half time, Australia..0 v. HNK Hajduk Split..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Jim Jenkins						GK	Vladimir Beara				
	RB	Joe Marston						RB	Ljubomir Kokeza				
	LB	Cecil Drummond (c)						LB	Božo Broketa				
	RH	Robert Lawrie						RH	Ivo Mrčić				
	CH	William Wilson						CH	Ervin Katnić				
	LH	Angus Drennen						LH	Ivo Radovniković				
	OR	George Sanders							Vojko Andrijašević	55			
	IR	Allan James Johns							Slavko Luštica				
	CF	Gordon Nunn						CF	Branko Vidjak				
	IL	Jock McMahon						IL	Frane Matošić (c)	80			
	OL	Alex Barr						OL	Bernard Vukas	1			
Team Coach							Team Coach		Luka Kaliterna				
Team Trainer		W.Park					Team Managers		Miljenko Kratulović				
Team Manager		J.D.Revie							Bozidar Novak				
Referee		F.Westley											
Linesman		G.Hadfield											
Linesman		J.Baker											

Alex Barr is also shown as Alec Barr.

match report from The Argus, 8/8/1949, page 17

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/22770154>

Yugoslavia scored a comfortable 3-0 win over Australia in the Soccer Test match at the MCG on Saturday, and practically ended Australia's hopes of winning the series.

Following Australia's defeat in the first Test in Sydney, three changes were made to eliminate weakness. Drennen (Vic) was brought in as left half-back in place of L.Gibb(Qld).and McMahon (NSW) and Barr (Vic) were given the left wing positions in preference to Hughes (NSW) and Marshall (NSW).

These three experiments did not yield any startling dividends.

A dispiriting feature to Australia and its supporters was the goal to Yugoslavia in the first minute of the game. The shot was from a corner kick taken by Vukas, which was deflected by Australian goalkeeper, Jenkins on to the goal post. The ball bounced upward into the net and down to the feet of Jenkins, who kicked it clear too late.

This early reverse seemed to put a damper on the Australian team. Certainly it was a shock to the spectators.

Hopes were revived again while Australia put in a succession of attacks, mainly from the right wing where Johns and Sanders were doing splendid work. Their crosses to the centre were perfectly timed, but Yugoslav defenders Broketa and Kokeza anticipated each move and usually managed to get the ball away.

A terrific shot by Johns from about 12 yards range was worthy of a goal, but Beara, with a spectacular dive, tipped the ball round the post.

Midway through the first half there was a succession of infringements of the rules by Yugoslavia. Referee Westley was firm and the offences became less frequent.

Loud applause followed a tricky solo run by Yugoslav centre-forward, Vidjak. He took up a pass from Broketa and dribbled the ball past Wilson, Lawrie, and Marston. His shot for goal went over the crossbar - a let-off for Australia.

Vukas put in some fast runs on Yugoslavia's left wing, with Marston usually getting the better of him in close tussles.

Just before the interval Drennen and Wilson initiated a move which deserved a goal. The ball reached McMahon, unmarked near goal, but as he put in his shot Kokeza dashed across to divert the ball behind the goal-line. Beara punched it away from Barr's corner kick, and Yugoslavia retained its one-goal lead at the interval.

Early in the second half Mrcic had a great chance to increase Yugoslavia's score, but with only Jenkins, the goal-keeper, to beat he struck the goal post. His return from the rebound went straight across the goalmouth and out of play.

There was a yell of dissent when Vidjak, who had a good scoring chance, was ruled "off-side" by referee Westley. He had not seen Drummond standing near the goal, but admitted the error and bounced the ball. After 10 minutes in this half Andrijašević weaved his way through a number of defenders and scored the second goal for Yugoslavia.

In the next minute Australia's goal had a very lucky escape.

Vidjak sent in a hard shot, but the ball struck the crossbar, bounced down on to Marston's head, and into the hands of goalkeeper Jenkins, who kicked it clear.

Towards the end Yugoslavia's positional play was in marked contrast to Australia's wild kicking. Yugoslavia's wingmen were constantly left unguarded, and Australia's defenders, Marston and Drummond, were over-worked.

With 10 minutes to play Yugoslavia overwhelmed Australia, and when Matosic scored the third goal Australia was in a hopeless position.

Yugoslavia was best served by Kokeza, Lustica, Matosic, and Vidjah.

Johns was the best of a poor Australian forward line. Marston and Drummond did particularly well, and Wilson, at half-back, worked hard.

Australia's captain, C. Drummond, said after the match that Yugoslavia was much too strong for the opposition. The selectors would have a hard job to select a team to beat it. The hard ground suited Yugoslavia and did not help Australia.

The attendance was 11,829, and the gate receipts £1,396 - a record for a soccer match on the MCG.

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Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
13th. August 1949, 15.00			Thebarton Oval, Adelaide, Australia									10000	
Australian XI..0 v. HNK Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia)..6													
half time,													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Harry Wise						GK	Vladimir Beara				
	RB	H."Blondie" Johnson						RB	Ljubomir Kokeza				
	LB	Hedley Parkes						LB	Božo Broketa				
	RH	B."Jock" Johnstone						RH	Slavko Luštica				
	CH	Tom Jack (c)						CH	Ivo Mrčić				
	LH	Stan Kent						LH	Ivo Radovniković				
	OR	R.Mills						OR	Dragutin Drvodjelic	X			
	IR	P."Paddy" Cranswick						IR	Vojko Andrijašević	X			
	CF	Eric Hulme						CF	Branko Vidjak	X			
	IL	Jack Wilson						IL	Frane Matošić (c)	X, X			
	OL	Robert McFeeters						OL	Bernard Vukas	X			
Team Coach							Team Coach		Luka Kaliterna				
Team Trainer		W.Park					Team Managers		Miljenko Kratulović				
Team Manager		J.O.Wilshaw							Bozidar Novak				
Referee		J.Harvey											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Advertiser, 15/8/1949, page 5

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/74652688>

The Australian soccer team was no match for the brilliant Yugoslav combination at Thebarton Oval on Saturday, when 10,000 people - the largest crowd at a soccer match here for more than 20 years - saw the best exhibition since the visit of the English professionals in 1925.

The brilliant positional play of the visitors had the Australians running in circles and only on rare occasions did they look like locating the net. Features were the long kicking of Beara, the Yugoslavian goalkeeper (it was no trouble to him to send a stationary ball 75 yards up field from a goal kick), and the skilful, tricky footwork of the extreme wingers. Drvodjelic and Vukas.

South Australia's brilliant young half-back Jack Smith was unable to play through injury and his place at right half was taken by "Jock" Johnstone (SA).

The players lined up prior to the kick-off and were introduced in turn to His Excellency the Governor (Sir Willoughby Norrie). The line-up at the kick-off was as follows: -

Australia. - Wise; Johnson and Parkes; Johnstone, Jack and Kent; Mills and Cranswick, Hulme, Wilson and McFeeters.

Yugoslavia - Beara; Kokeza and Broketa; Lustica, Mrcic and Radovnikovic; Drvodjelic and Andrijaševic, Vidjak, Matosic and Vukas.

During the first 10 minutes, Australia forced three corner kicks, but subsequent play indicated that Yugoslavia was only summing up the opposition during this period. Australia was never in the picture again until the last few minutes, when McFeeters got a chance which he placed narrowly over the bar.

Beara had little to do in the Yugoslavian goal, but on the rare occasions he was called upon, he proved a keeper of international class. Among the other members of the Yugoslavian defence, it is difficult to single out one individual more outstanding than another as all played well. Drvodjelic and Vukas were brilliant, the former being the best player on the ground. Matosic was clever, but spoiled his efforts by erratic shooting.

None of the Australian team enhanced his chance of Test selection. Wise had many brilliant saves, but was weak in the air. He came out of goal on several occasions to punch clear and completely missed the ball.

"Snowy" Johnson and Hedley Parkes took a long time to settle, but "Snowy" gave a good display in the second half and Parkes had Drvodjelic worried in the latter stages by his first time tackling.

The half-backs were so much on the defensive that they had little time for constructive play. Kent, at left half in the first half and right half in the second, was the most prominent half-back, although the Australian captain, Tom Jack, played a good defensive game. "Jock" Johnstone showed only glimpses of his real club form.

The forwards failed lamentably as a combination. In the early stages McFeeters had several clever runs on the wing, but he was seldom seen in the second half. Wilson and Cranswick put a lot of work on the ball but failed to part with it to advantage. They shone occasionally as individuals, but their passes to the wings were always snapped up by the opposing full backs. Hulme in the centre got no support and tried too much on his own; he had good ball control and had several smart runs, but on almost every occasion tried to beat one man too many and lost possession.

Result:- Yugoslavia, 6. d. Australia, 0. Goalscorers: - Matosic 2, Vidjak, Vukas, Andrijaševic and Drvodjelic.

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Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
27th. August 1949, 15.00			Exhibition Ground, Brisbane, Australia									17000	
Australia..3 v. HNK Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia)..6													
half time, Australia..1 v. HNK Hajduk Split..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Norman Conquest						GK	Vladimir Beara				
	RB	William Wilson						RB	Ljubomir Kokeza				
	LB	Cecil Drummond (c)						LB	Božo Broketa				
	RH	Robert Lawrie						RH	Ivo Mrčić	44(pk), X(pk)			
	CH	Robert Bignall	X					CH	Ervin Katnić				
	LH	Kevin O'Neill						LH	Ivo Radovniković				
	OR	George Sanders	X					OR	Dragutin Drvodjelic				
	IR	George Russell						IR	Slavko Luštica	X			
	CF	Frank "Deadlegs" Parsons	36(pk)					CF	Vojko Andrijašević	49, X			
	IL	Ron Hughes						IL	Frane Matošić (c)	X			
	OL	Allan James Johns						OL	Bernard Vukas				
Team Coach							Team Coach		Luka Kaliterna				
Team Trainer		W.Park					Team Managers		Miljenko Kratulović				
Team Manager		H.Barwick							Bozidar Novak				
Referee		A.Hall											
Linesman													
Linesman													

The Queensland Times report (29/8/1928, page 4 <http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/124629106>) gives Radovnikovic as the scorer of two penalties rather than Mrcic.

match report from the Sunday Mail, 28/8/1949, page 16

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/98289560>

A decision by the Australian Soccer team before the match not to use "third back" tactics against Yugoslavia in the third test cost them the rubber at the Exhibition Ground yesterday.

Yugoslavia won by six goals to three - the heaviest defeat inflicted on Australia in a test since the English professionals beat them at Maitland in 1925 by eight goals to two.

Australia's tactics in keeping the centre-half, R. Bignall, well upfield worked well in the first half, when the score was 1- all, but failed badly in the second session.

The Yugoslavs scored five goals in just over half an hour in the second half because their forwards were given too much scope.

The match was marred by an unseemly incident eight minutes after the interval. The referee, A Hall, awarded a penalty kick against a Yugoslav defender for charging Australian centre-forward F.Parsons.

The Yugoslav players clustered round the referee remonstrating with him, and the captain, F.Matosic, pushed him.

The goalkeeper, V.Beara, walked out of his goal almost to the sideline before returning. Play was held up for three minutes, and the crowd of 17,000 boo-ed the Yugoslavs.

The Yugoslav interpreter, Mr.H.Rosovic, was about to walk on to the field, but he was not needed.

The referee was able to restore order, but the Australian captain, Cec. Drummond, who took the kick, missed the goal altogether.

The referee would have been well within his rights in sending two of the Yugoslavs off the field, but he said after the game that he had given them a few minutes to cool down.

Australian captain, Cec. Drummond, had a bad day.

A penalty kick from which Yugoslavia scored its first goal was given against him, and he made an error soon after the second half started to give the visitors the lead.

Under pressure he passed the ball back to the Australian goalkeeper, N.Conquest, but the Yugoslav centre, V.Andrijaševic, coming through fast, beat Conquest to the ball, which he banged into the open net.

This seemed to have a bad effect on Australia, who went to pieces, and allowed Yugoslavia to run rings round them.

Yugoslavia deserved, their win, as they were the better team, especially in front of goal.

In a great 30-minute burst of scoring in the second half, they tore the Australian defence to ribbons.

Their third and fourth goals by Andrijaševic and Matosic respectively were from fierce first time drives, which ripped into the corner of the net.

The fourth came from a clever dummy by the same two players, who jumped over a pass from Vukas for Lustica to net.

The defence of the Yugoslavs was superb, and Australia did well to get three goals.

Goalkeeper, V.Beara, was always safe, and often cleared the ball three-quarters the length of the field.

The full backs, B.Broketa and L.Kokeza, seldom missed a kick, and the cover defence of the halves, I.Mrcic, E.Katnic, and I.Radovnikovic was an eye-opener.

They often allowed an Australian to run 20 to 30 yards with the ball, while they fell back to cover any player likely to score.

The visitors' forwards again showed their class, particularly in the second half . Olympic winger, B.Vukas, often tricked several defenders before sending over a cross, and Matosic and Andrijaševic were deadly when within scoring range.

Australia gave a disappointing display - one of the worst seen in a test here.

There was no cohesion in their play until the closing stages, when they netted two goals in 13 minutes.

One of their biggest errors was in kicking the ball high upfield, instead of using passes along the ground.

The Yugoslav score probably would have been kept down had the centre-half, R. Bignall played the "third back" game and shadowed the Yugoslav centre.

Australian goalkeeper N.Conquest, had little chance with any of the shots, and full back, W.Wilson, playing out of his usual position, did fairly well.

The ball distribution of the halves, R.Lawrie, R.Bignall, and K.O'Neill, was poor, though they worked hard in defence.

This made the task of the Australian forwards very difficult, but even when they got the ball they seldom looked impressive.

Centre forward F.Parsons had a rough time, but was well watched by Yugoslav half, E.Katnic, and was never very dangerous.

Ron Hughes, at inside left, displayed, good ball control, but lacked support.

Alan Johns, who was switched to the left wing for this game did not see much of the ball, but was unlucky not to score with one shot, which hit the upright and bounced out.

The first half was very even. Australia scored first, when F.Parsons netted from a penalty, and right on half time I.Mrcic equalised for Yugoslavia from a penalty.

Yugoslavia took the lead four minutes after the interval, when Andrijasevic scored. He repeated the performance a few minutes later, and further goals by Matosic and Lustica made Australia's position hopeless.

In the closing stages Australia fought back and a free kick by R.Bignall found the net.

Mrcic scored Yugoslavia's sixth from a penalty, and almost on full time A.Sanders netted for Australia.

The attendance was 17,000 and the receipts were £2000.

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Date & Time		Venue					Weather		Temperature		Attendance		
3rd. September 1949, 15.00		Newcastle Sports Ground, Newcastle, Australia									11256		
Australia..2 v. HNK Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia)..1													
half time, Australia..2 v. HNK Hajduk Split..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Norman Conquest						GK	Vladimir Beara				
	RB	Hedley Parkes						RB	Ljubomir Kokeza				
	LB	Cecil Drummond (c)						LB	Božo Broketa				
	RH	Robert Bignall						RH	Ivo Mrčić				
	CH	William Wilson						CH	Ervin Katnić				
	LH	Robert Lawrie						LH	Ivo Radovniković				
	OR	George Sanders						OR	Dragutin Drvodjelic				
	IR	Allan James Johns						IR	Slavko Luštica				
	CF	Gordon Nunn	X					CF	Vojko Andrijašević				
	IL	Ron Hughes						IL	Frane Matošić (c)	X			
	OL	Harry Robertson	X					OL	Bernard Vukas				
Team Coach		A.Quill					Team Coach		Luka Kaliterna				
Team Trainer		W.Park					Team Managers		Miljenko Kratulović				
Team Manager		J.D.Revie							Bozidar Novak				
Referee		William McWilliams											
Linesman		Archie Welsh											
Linesman		H.Parker											

match report from The Sunday Herald Sporting Section, 4/9/1949, page 11

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/18470739>

A simple plan devised before the match was mainly responsible for Australia's 2-1 win over Yugoslavia in the fourth Soccer Test here to-day.

The plan called for the complete suppression of Yugoslavia's inside forwards.

The Australians followed their instructions and held the inside men in a vice-like grip throughout.

As a result Yugoslavia's attack was blunted.

Hero of the match was centre half Bill Wilson.

He worked like a demon throughout and broke up many threatening moves.

He also worked the ball well and supplied Australia's forwards brilliantly.

Right back Hedley Parkes, making his Test debut, blotted out the tricky Yugoslav winger, Bernard Vukas.

Veteran goalkeeper Norm Conquest gave a stirring display and the Matosic drive which beat him was unstoppable.

Australia's opening goal by left winger Harry Robertson from a well placed Sanders corner inspired the team.

There were remarkable scenes of jubilation when Robertson soon afterwards rounded Yugoslav right back Kokeza and transferred to Nunn, who scored Australia's second.

Australia's half-time lead of 2-0 was well merited.

The only Yugoslav goal was scored when Lawrie, for once, was caught out of position and Matosic made full use of the opportunity.

Just as Yugoslavia was expected to exert extra pressure in the closing stages, Australia produced a fresh burst of pressure and should have increased its lead.

An Allan Johns pile-driver from 30 yards beat goalkeeper Beara but passed inches wide of the post.

There was not a single weakness in the Australian side.

On the day Australia was superior and fully deserved its victory.

The crowd of 12,189 was amazed by Australia's scientific exhibition of Soccer, and the Yugoslav ineffectiveness against the new rock-like system of defence.

This was Yugoslavia's first defeat on its Australian tour.

It won the first Test 3-2, the second 3-0, and the third 6-3.

Victoria held the visitors to a three-all draw in Melbourne.

Australia's only Test win against South Africa in 1947 was at Newcastle.

To-day's win will enhance Australia's reputation overseas and may mean that England will send out a strong team next year.

The gate receipts were £ 1,600.

Australia, 2 (H.Robertson. G.Nunn), beat Yugoslavia, 1 (F.Matosic).

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Date & Time			Venue					Weather		Temperature		Attendance	
10th. September 1949, 14.30			Royal Agricultural Ground, Moore Park, Australia (Sydney Showground)									12150	
Australia..2 v. HNK Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia)..3													
half time, Australia..1 v. HNK Hajduk Split..2													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Norman Conquest					GK	Vladimir Beara					
	RB	Hedley Parkes					RB	Ljubomir Kokeza					
	LB	Cecil Drummond (c)					LB	Božo Broketa					
	RH	Robert Lawrie					RH	Ivo Mrčić					
	CH	William Wilson					CH	Ivo Radovniković					
	LH	Robert Bignall					LH	Tonci Radovniković					
	OR	George Sanders					OR	Dragutin Drvodjelić					
	IR	Allan James Johns	X				IR	Branko Vidjak					
	CF	Gordon Nunn	3				CF	Vojko Andrijašević	2				
	IL	Ron Hughes					IL	Frane Matošić (c)	55				
10	OL	Harry Robertson					OL	Bernard Vukas	24				
Team Coach							Team Coach		Luka Kaliterna				
Team Trainer		W.Park					Team Managers		Miljenko Kratulović				
Team Manager		J.D.Revie							Bozidar Novak				
Referee		Frank Chidgey											
Linesman		S.G. "Dick" Thorpe											
Linesman		Jack McKenzie											

Vladimir Beara retired injured during the game and was replaced by K.Vidovic, but after treatment he returned.

match report from The Sunday Herald Sporting Section, 11/9/1949, page 11 <http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/18471026>

Many Soccer officials protested strongly when Yugoslav goal-keeper V.Beara was allowed to resume after having been replaced in yesterday's fifth Test at the Showground.

Yugoslavia withstood a strong Australian onslaught in the last 15 minutes to win the Test by three goals to two.

When Beara was injured in the second half he was replaced by K.Vidovich.

After first aid treatment, Beara resumed and Vidovich left the field.

Officials claimed that once Beara had been replaced he was out of the game.

However, the president of the Australian association, Mr.S.A.Storey, said later that Beara was quite entitled to resume.

"This agreement was reached between Australian and Yugoslavian officials before the tour began." said Mr Storey.

Superior positional play again was mainly responsible for Yugoslavia's win.

Australia had every chance, as Yugoslavia played under considerable difficulties.

Star centre half Ervin Katnic was unable to play, right-half Ivo Mrcic taking over the pivot's position.

An injury to left-half T.Radovnikovic five minutes after play began caused a further reshuffle of the team.

Radovnikovic was a passenger on the left wing for the rest of the match.

Captain Frane Matosic moved left-winger B.Vukas to inside-right and in that position he was the star of the game.

As well as making his side's first and third goals, Vukas outwitted the entire Australian defence to score the second goal himself.

The game began sensationally when Yugoslav centre-forward V.Andrijaševic scored after Vukas had dribbled his way through Australia's defence.

Almost immediately, however, Australia brought the crowd to its feet by equalising.

Queensland centre-forward Gordon Nunn was the scorer.

He outpaced Olympic full-back B.Broketa and, from an acute angle, banged a hard shot into the top corner of the net.

Yugoslavia's reshuffled team took some time to settle down.

But when it did, the side always looked dangerous.

The Vukas goal, which restored Yugoslavia's lead after 24 minutes, was a gem.

Beating several opponents, the young forward dummed past Australia's rearguard and left Conquest helpless with a well placed shot.

The first 10 minutes of the second half saw Australia attack strongly and Hughes, Nunn, and Johns were unlucky not to score.

Then Matosic scored Yugoslavia's third.
Nearly all of Australia's defenders were trailing after the elusive Vukas when he sent the ball over to Matosic, who had been left unmarked.
Matosic had only Conquest to beat. His low ground shot was unstoppable.
Australia reduced the arrears when Alan Johns took advantage of a defensive error by Broketa.
Broketa headed the ball to Johns's feet and the inside forward gave Beara no chance from 12 yards range.
Australia played its best football in the last 15 minutes, and was unlucky not to equalise in the last minute.
Nunn broke through and sent in a terrific shot which beat Beara but was deflected by an onrushing defender.
After the match, Australian captain Cec Drummond expressed disappointment over his team's defeat.
"Last week we played like a well balanced side and beat the Yugoslavs on merit," he said.
"But there was no semblance of last week's systematical play from the team to-day."
Undoubtedly the hero of the match was young, fair-haired Bernard Vukas.
He seemed more at home as an inside forward than on the wing.
He seldom failed to beat his man, and several times completely baffled Australia's entire defence.
The crowd of 12,150 paid £1,821 at the gates.
Yugoslavia, 3 (V.Andrijasevic, B.Vukas, F.Matosic), beat Australia, 2 (G.Nunn, A.Johns).

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[http://www.sportstat.net](#) and [The Sun](#), 17/9/1949, page 6.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
17th. September 1949, 14.30			Royal Agricultural Ground, Moore Park, Australia (Sydney Showground)									5000	
Australian XI..0 v. HNK Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia)..1													
half time, Australian XI..0 v. HNK Hajduk Split..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Substituted (minute)
START LIST													
	GK	Norman Conquest						GK	Vladimir Beara				
	RB	Joe Marston						RB	Ljubomir Kokeza				X
	LB	Cecil Drummond (c)						LB	Božo Broketa				
	RH	William Wilson				X		RH	Ivo Mrčić				
	CH	Tom Jack						CH	Ervin Katnić				
	LH	Robert Bignall						LH	Ivo Radovniković				
	OR	George Sanders						OR	Dragutin Drvodjelic				
	IR	Allan James Johns						IR	Vojko Andrijašević				
	CF	Gordon Nunn						CF	Branko Vidjak				
	IL	Reg Hardman						IL	Frane Matošić (c)	35			
	OL	Harry Robertson						OL	Bernard Vukas				
SUBSTITUTES													
	RH	Dave Coote				X		RB	Miljenko Batinić				X
Team Coach								Team Coach		Luka Kaliterna			
Team Trainer		W.Park						Team Managers		Miljenko Kratulović			
Team Manager		S.Jones								Bozidar Novak			
Referee		F.Chidgey											
Linesman													
Linesman													

Tom Jack (ex-Scotland) and Reg Hardman (ex-South Africa) had both been in Australia less than 12 months.

match report from The Sunday Herald Sporting Section, 18/9/1949, page 11

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/28667040>

The brilliant display of Scottish centre half Tom Jack was the highlight of yesterday's Soccer match between an Australian XI and Yugoslavia at the Showground.

Yugoslavia won the match one-nil, but the forwards were unimpressive against Jack's third back tactics.

Australian and Yugoslav officials were keenly disappointed at the poor attendance.

Less than 5,000 saw the match. Gate receipts totalled £636.

The Yugoslavs gave their poorest display of the tour, and had the Australian inside forwards Alan Johns and Victorian G.Hardman shot more often, the visitors might have been beaten.

Yesterday's one goal was the lowest score registered by the Yugoslavs in a winning game.

This was because of the splendid defence of Australian goal-keeper, N.Conquest, full backs, C.Drummond and J.Marston, and the splendid spoiling tactics of Jack.

Blustering conditions prevented accurate passing of the ball, and direction of the Yugoslav forwards shots was poor.

The first thrill came from a free kick awarded to the visitors.

Matosic's terrific drive from 40 yards was brilliantly saved by Conquest. But the Yugoslav captain made no mistake a few minutes later when he beat Conquest from 25 yards with a fast low shot.

Australia strove desperately for the equaliser before the interval, and only a great save by Yugoslav goalkeeper V.Beara prevented, a score.

The shot he saved came from Victorian inside left, Hardman, but the agile keeper managed to turn it round the post for a fruitless corner.

Both teams took advantage of the replacement agreement, R.Batanich replacing L.Kokeza in the Yugoslav side, and D.Coote substituting for W.Wilson in the Australian team.

A rearranged Yugoslavian forward line tried hard to increase the lead after the interval. But Vukas at inside right, Andryasevic at centre, and Matosic at inside-left continually found Jack a stumbling block.

Wingers H.Robertson and G.Sanders were almost passengers, neither the Australian wing.halves or inside forwards feeding them well.

Sanders picked up one loose ball, and his great shot from the wing beat Beara, but scraped the post on its way past.

Play was poor in the concluding stages, and most players of both sides gave the impression that they had enjoyed enough football for this season at least.

Yugoslavia, 1 (F. Matosic), beat an Australian XI, 0.

Hadjuk Split had a series of challenge matches in addition to the test matches. The results of those games were:-

23rd.July 1949 New South Wales..1 v. HNK Hadjuk Split..3 at the Sydney Showground, Moore Park, Sydney, NSW Attendance.. 20,257
 27th.July 1949 South Coast..1 v. HNK Hadjuk Split..4 at Wollongong, NSW Attendance.. 8,000
 1st.August 1949 Sydney Metropolis..3 v. HNK Hadjuk Split..6 at the Sydney Cricket Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, NSW Attendance.. 10,706
 10th.August 1949 Victoria..3 v. HNK Hadjuk Split..3 at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, Melbourne, Victoria kick-off 15.00
 14th.August 1949 Broken Hill..0 v. HNK Hadjuk Split..5 at the Zinc Corporation Oval, Broken Hill, NSW kick-off 15.00 Attendance.. 3,000
 20th.August 1949 Queensland..0 v. HNK Hadjuk Split..10 at the Exhibition Ground, Brisbane, Queensland kick-off 15.00 Attendance.. 8,500
 24th.August 1949 Brisbane..0 v. HNK Hadjuk Split..7 at the Exhibition Ground, Brisbane, Queensland kick-off 20.15 Attendance.. 5,400
 28th.August 1949 Ipswich..0 v. HNK Hadjuk Split..4 at the Bundamba Oval, Ipswich, Queensland kick-off 15.00 Attendance.. 3,000
 31st.August 1949 New South Wales..1 v. HNK Hadjuk Split..4 at the Newcastle Sports Ground, Newcastle, NSW kick-off 15.00 Attendance.. 7,000
 4th.September 1949 Northern Districts..2 v. HNK Hadjuk Split..8 at the Cessnock Sports Ground, Cessnock, NSW kick-off 15.00 Attendance.. 4,300
 19th.September 1949 South Australia..0 v. HNK Hadjuk Split..7 at Norwood Oval, Adelaide, SA
 24th.September 1949 Western Australia..1 v. HNK Hadjuk Split..14 at the W.A.C.A.Ground, Perth, WA kick-off 15.00 Attendance..7,182
 25th.September 1949 Swan Athletic..2 v. HNK Hadjuk Split..9 at the Midland Junction Oval, Midland, Perth, WA
 27th.September 1949 Western Australia..1 v. HNK Hadjuk Split..13 at the Subiaco Oval, Subiaco, WA kick-off 15.00

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